

Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative

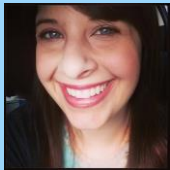
Partners for Healthy Communities

Mission Statement:

The Tenino/Bucoda Healthy Action Team supports Tenino and Bucoda youth through education, building relationships, promoting positive healthy futures, and reducing underage drug and alcohol use.



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Stacia became involved in community work while volunteering with juvenile diversion through Community Youth Services. Her background is primarily in juvenile justice and she is also a relief Juvenile Detention Officer at Thurston County Juvenile Detention. Stacia is excited to be a part of the programs that the coalition works diligently to make available to the families and youth of these communities, as well as forming partnerships with different agencies along the way. She is extremely honored to be able to help bring services and programs to families and youth in Tenino and Bucoda.

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Tenino/Bucoda



About the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI):

CPWI is a partnership of state agencies, counties, schools and local prevention coalitions supporting communities in preventing alcohol and other drug abuse and its negative consequences. Our highest priority is to reduce underage drinking among 8th and 10th grade students. By providing evidence-based practices and promoting the positive changes in communities, we can build healthier communities.

About the Coalition: Communities and Schools Working Together

The Tenino/Bucoda Healthy Action Team (TBHAT) was founded in 2011 based on community responsiveness and readiness. HAT works together to support youth, encourage families, enrich community, and guide healthy choices. We represent Tenino and Bucoda business, youth, public library, school district, faith based organizations, city government, service clubs, parents and community members.

The Tenino/Bucoda area has a number of really interesting features including a community swimming pool build in an old gravel quarry that is supported almost entirely by private donations. The Tenino School District is a key partner and the coalition is currently chaired by the middle school counselor. The two vice-chairs are the president of the Parent Teacher Association and a local youth pastor.

Most people who live in Tenino and Bucoda actually leave town to work somewhere else. This creates some unique challenges in terms of interesting those individuals in getting involved in the coalition's efforts. There is a high involvement by youth in extracurricular activities so finding time for them to be involved in youth coalition work is also a challenge. Additionally, there is limited public transportation available in and around the community.

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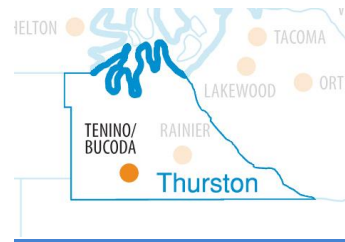
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About Our Community

Tenino

- Rural/population estimated 1700/Demographics 91% Caucasian, less than 1% African American, Native American, Asian and Pacific Islander/ median income for a family is \$41,208
- In the late 19th century a number of sandstone quarrying companies began shipping building stone, used in many regional buildings outside of Tenino
- Northern Pacific Railway adopted Tenino as the name of the new station in 1872; also informally known as "T-9-0", a shortened variation in use as early as 1873

Bucoda

- Rural/population estimated 600/Demographics 92% Caucasian, 1% African American, less than 1% Native American, Asian and Pacific Islander/median income for a family is \$34,286
- Site of Washington's first territorial prison for a time in the 1870s
- Originally named "Seatco" a Native American word meaning evil spirit or devil
- Renamed Bucoda, using the first two letters of three principal investors in the local industrial boom- Buckley, Coulter, and Davis

Although the communities struggle with access to resources and economic challenges, there is strong community connectedness among Tenino and Bucoda, as well as excellent networking of services for schools, law enforcement and prevention and local organizations.

Successes:

- Successfully implemented Strengthening Families in early 2014 with a completion rate of 86%!
- Partnered with Tenino School District to implement Media Detective through Tenino Elementary Afterschool program.
- The Thurston County Food Bank administered free lunches to kids during the Bucoda Summer Program.
- Implemented an evidence based curriculum called Say It Straight in Bucoda's summer program.
- The Tenino Police Department administered a round of compliance checks and alcohol purchase surveys during the summer
- The Coalition worked to extend our public relations outreach and bring multiple speakers from different agencies to speak at our Coalition meetings.

About Prevention Programs in our Community

Goals and Strategies

- Increase community connectedness, collaboration and cooperation
- Increase capacity of the Coalition
- Reduce youth substance use
- Increase positive family management practices.

Program Highlights:

- Strengthening Families (10-14 year old youth and their family members), Media Detective (elementary students), Say It Straight (various ages), Social Norms Poster Campaign, Compliance Checks with the Tenino Police Department

The coalition will measure their success by the 30 day use rates of alcohol and marijuana use from the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey, as well as data from the Social Norms Poster Campaign in Tenino High School and Community Survey data.