



Next Steps: Reducing Substance Abuse in Our Community

Cabell County Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership

August 2007

CCSAPP Calendar:

Partnership Meetings

The partnership consists of professionals and individuals that are committed to working together to prevent substance abuse in our community.

Meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month at noon.

*Lunch provided.
Please call if interested in attending.*

*Meeting Location:
United Way
820 Madison Avenue
Huntington, WV 25704*

Community Prevention Work Group Meetings

The Work Group consists of community volunteers interested in working on substance abuse prevention efforts.

Meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome! Please call and let us know that you plan to attend.

*Meeting Location:
Subject to change
September 11 meeting location: United Way
820 Madison Avenue*

The mission of the Cabell County Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership is to reduce local substance abuse with strong collaborative partnerships and community ownership, using awareness, education and community-wide solutions.

Youth Activities and Substance Use

A recent report from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health on the relationship between youth activities, substance use and family income shows that most youths aged 12 to 17 (92.4%) participated in at least one school-based, community-based, church or faith-based, or other type of activity during the past year. The report also showed that regardless of family income, youths who did not participate in any activities had higher rates of past month cigarette and illicit drug use than those who participated in four or more activities.

Recent local surveys indicate that 56.7% of youth in Cabell County report that they never or seldom participate in community activities, 50% report that they never or seldom participate on sports teams and 42.9% report that they never or seldom participate in school activities. 52.6% of Cabell youth report that they attend church or synagogue.

Local Substance Abuse on the Rise

National trends for youth substance abuse show a decrease in consumption rates. However, the trends for Cabell youth have increased over the last two years. The 2006 PRIDE Survey, in which 3,839 Cabell County youth in 6th through 12th grades were surveyed, shows increases in the monthly use of both alcohol and illicit drugs since the 2004 survey. Monthly alcohol use rates for high school students rose from 36.2% to 39.05% and monthly illicit drug use rose from 24.82% to 26.92%.

Youth report that most drug and alcohol use takes place after school and on weekends at home or at a friend's house.

At What Cost?

In a recent report it was estimated that the combined cost of substance abuse related issues in West Virginia is:

\$1.86 BILLION per year.

That is just for our small state.

Nationwide, drug use disorders contributed to a loss of productivity in the workplace amounting to \$128.6 billion. Alcohol dependence alone is estimated to cause 500 million lost workdays annually.

Why aren't more resources allocated to prevention and treatment?

Are we penny-wise and pound foolish?

Save the Date
2007 Cabell Drug Summit
Thursday, November 29,
2007

"Why Here?
Environmental Approaches to
Reducing Substance Abuse"

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“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

-Henry Ford

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PREVENTION

-Increasing protective factors

Protective factors include:

Self-control

Positive Relationships

Parental Monitoring and Support

Academic Competence

Anti-Drug and Alcohol Use Policies

Strong Neighborhood Attachment

-Limiting Access

Parents should monitor alcohol and medications in the home.

Do not provide alcohol to youth under 21.

Do not allow youth to attend events, or functions unsupervised where alcohol is provided.

Support existing laws.

Volunteer Opportunities
Please call 523-8929 ext. 17
if you can help.

Regional Learning Opportunity

Topic: Environmental Approaches to Prevention

When: September 17, 2007 10:00—2:00

Where: WV Prevention Resource Center

1400 Ohio Avenue

Dunbar, WV (304) 766-6301

Questions? Call Anne McGee (304)523-8929 ext 17

**SEPTEMBER IS
NATIONAL ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION
RECOVERY MONTH**

For every dollar spent on treatment, \$7 is saved in health care and criminal justice costs.