

Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative

Partners for Healthy Communities

Youth Task Force Coalition

Newport Community



Coalition Mission

The **Mission** of the Newport Community Youth Task Force is: *To prevent and reduce youth substance use by collaborating with community partners; providing education, resources and empowering youth.*

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About the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI)

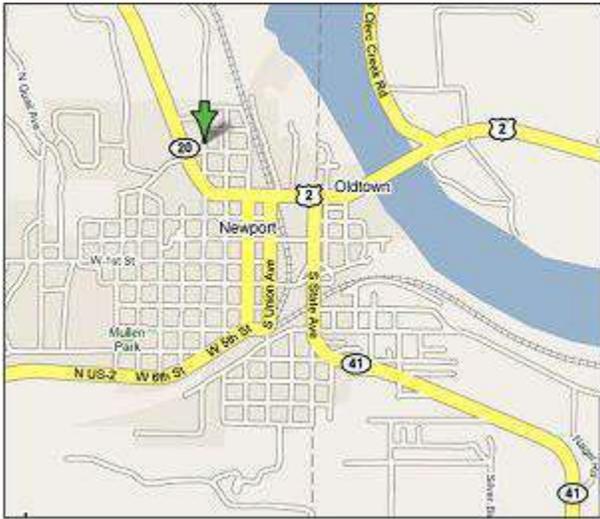
CPWI is a partnership of state agencies, counties, schools and local prevention coalitions supporting communities in preventing alcohol and other drug abuse and its negative consequences. CPWI priorities include reducing underage drinking, marijuana use and opioid misuse/abuse among middle and high school aged youth. By providing evidence-based practices and promoting the positive changes in communities, we can build healthier communities.

About the Coalition: Communities & Schools Working Together

For the 2018-19 school year, there are 4 public schools managed by the Newport School District, serving 1,085 students in Newport, Washington. Minority enrollment is 11% of the student body, which is less than the Washington state average of 44%. The Youth Task Force began out of necessity in response to an epidemic level Methamphetamine crisis in 2006. Community members, agency leaders and law enforcement came together with concern for the amount of Methamphetamine being manufactured, sold and used in Pend Oreille County. The YTF, formed in 2007, and began shutting down the supply of needed chemicals and materials by offering education to the community.

In 2012, there was a huge spike in prescription drug abuse. YTF responded by forming a group of doctors, healthcare administrators, pharmacists, and social workers to look at the current medical system. This program quickly became a model for the state and the coalition presented at the Meth and More Summit in Spokane Washington.

The Youth Task Force became a CPWI Coalition in November 2018. We are part of Cohort 6.



About Our Community

Newport is largest town in Pend Oreille County and it is also the county seat. We are located in the northeast corner of Washington State, 50 miles north of Spokane. The name Pend Oreille derives from a French-Canadian fur trade moniker for local Indians who probably wore large ear pendants. Our large but sparsely populated county was in many ways the last frontier in Washington State. Its inhabitants were first the indigenous peoples, then fur traders and explorers, followed by missionaries, then miners, loggers, and homesteaders. Industries such as timber, mining and logging provided employment. The largest employers in Newport are currently the Newport School District, The Newport Hospital, the County. The population of Newport is approximately 2454. Today the county is working to upgrade its economy, while its scenic beauty and recreational opportunities are attracting tourism and settlement.

General Statistics:

Population (2019) = 13,724

Race:

- White – 91.1%
- Black or African American – 0.7%
- American Indian and Alaska Native – 3.7%
- Asian – 1.2%

Median Income:

In 2019 the median household income of Pend Oreille County households was \$50,591.

- Persons in poverty – 16.1%

About Prevention Programs in our Community

Some of our goals and strategies include decreasing favorable attitudes among youth towards drinking and marijuana use, and increasing their perception of harm of drug use. Current strategies and programs include:

- MENTOR Washington
- Guiding Good Choices
- National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Events
- Opioid misuse prevention campaign, “Starts with One”
- Botvin LifeSkills

Other Contacts



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