

The Union County Safe Communities Coalition is broadening and building community support of its messages and activities to prevent underage drinking, tobacco and other drug use in Union County.

As a community it is important to be aware of some of the facts

Union County Facts

2014 Student Wellness Survey (SWS) data indicates that 64% of Union County 11th graders have never tried marijuana.

8th grade past 30 day use of alcohol was 16% in 2010, but has increased to 23% in 2014 according to the SWS.

Congratulations Union County for the **Big Changes** since 2009 in the way adults here monitor alcohol. In the 2009 Community Norms Survey 78% of respondents had alcohol in the home; only 4% locked it up. In our 2012 Alcohol survey 67% had alcohol in the home, but almost 40% kept it secured.

If you would like more information, please contact us.

How Can You Help?

Volunteer to help with the Drug Free Relay.

Become a Coalition Member

Host a speaking event.

Participate in Coalition events.

Partner with the Coalition in Prevention efforts.

If you would like to become a member...

Contact!

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Union County Safe Communities Coalition



***Working together
for a safe, healthy
and drug-free
community.***

Mission

The mission of the Union County Safe Communities Coalition is to work together for a safe, healthy, and drug-free community by reducing substance use among youth and over time reducing substance abuse among adults.



Current Coalition members represent many facets of the Union County community including parents, youth, law enforcement, schools, volunteer organizations, government, media, organizations serving youth, business, faith and organizations addressing substance abuse.

We believe that solutions already exist in our community, and we must focus our message and activities on the positive energy we want to nurture and grow.

Coalition Member Organizations

Members include the following organizations as well as concerned individuals from the community: 104.7 KCMB & 99.9 The River , C.A.R.E., Center for Human Development, City of La Grande, Cook Memorial Library, Department of Human Services, Eastern Oregon Head Start, Eastern Oregon University, Grande Ronde Hospital, Grande Ronde Recovery, La Grande Police Department, La Grande School District, Maridell Center, NEON, ODOT - Traffic Safety, OHSU School of Nursing, OLCC, Oregon National Guard, Shelter From the Storm, South Side of Heaven, Union County Commissioners, Union County District Attorney, Union County Juvenile Department, Union County Sheriff's Office

Coalition Partners

The Coalition has many other partners in Union County. Partners participate in helping us get our message out to the community, participate or host our events.

If you are interested in becoming a member or partnering with the Coalition on an activity of event, please contact Robin at 541-963-1068 or email rwortman@union-county.org

Coalition Efforts

The Coalition works to strengthen collaboration around prevention efforts in Union County; working to reduce access and availability to alcohol and tobacco for underage youth, and exploring policy solutions.

Youth Council:

The youth council is comprised of youth designees from Union County High Schools. These youth come together for monthly meetings to plan and create peer to peer messages, and sponsor substance free activities and events for youth in Union County. Applications for the council are available on the Coalition website or by calling the Coalition office at 541-963-1068.

