

The Union County Safe Communities Coalition is broadening and building community support of its messages and activities to prevent underage drinking, marijuana 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

2016 Student Wellness Survey (SWS) data indicates that 60.6% of Union County 11th graders have never tried marijuana.

8th grade past 30 day use of alcohol was 23% in 2014, but has decreased to 12.6% in 2016 according to the SWS.

Congratulations Union County for the **Big Changes** since 2010 in youth substance use. Past 30 day use rates have declined for substances tracked by the student wellness survey, including: alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and prescription drugs.

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.

Coalition Member Organizations

Members represent the following organizations as well as concerned individuals from the community: Elkhorn Media Group, 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, Shelter From the Storm, Union County Commissioners, Union County District Attorney, Union County Sheriff's Office, PEO,

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 us.

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 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 are available on the our website or by contacting the Coalition office.