**Key Health Priority – Substance Abuse Rates within the 5-17 Year Old Population**

**Hypothesis:**

If we coordinate, leverage, and mobilize all sectors of our community service delivery system and infrastructure on addressing substance abuse within the 5-17 year old population, we will significantly improve overall quality of life for our youth and, long term adult binge drinking rates within Kittitas County.

**Rationale:**

Federal Healthcare reform and the State of Washington have dictated that communities and regions work together to provide coordinated healthcare. Collectively, service delivery providers in Kittitas County have not worked on addressing health disparities leading to a fragmented service delivery model. Kittitas County service delivery providers provide high quality, innovative services which have led to our achievement of the 1st/2nd healthiest county in the State of Washington. However the adult binge drinking rates are higher than the state average which is causing overall concern. Substance abuse has a significant impact social and economic disparities and on the overall quality of life and cost to the healthcare delivery system.

**Data Story:**

**RISK AND PROTECTION PROFILE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN KITTITAS COUNTY, MAY 2014**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, RESEARCH AND DATA ANALYSIS DIVISION**

* Alcohol arrests in ages 10-17: 26 in 2011, 13 in 2012
* Drug arrests in ages 10-17: 16 in 2011, 11 in 2012
* Ages 10-17 in state funded alcohol or drug services: 24 in 2011, 38 in 2012

**KITTITAS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

* 16 of 31 alcohol offenses in 2012-2013 were in minors/juveniles

**ELLENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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|  | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| Substance Abuse arrests | Adult:109  JV: 20 | Adult:125  JV:27 | Adult:47  JV:11 |
| DUI | Adult:91  JV:1 | Adult:105  JV:1 | Adult:85  JV:2 |

**HEALTHY YOUTH SURVEY**

* 26% of 10th graders and 43% of 12th graders report drinking in the past month.
* 17% of 10th graders and 28% of 12th graders report using marijuana in the past month.
* 4% of 10th graders and 7% of 12th graders report using painkillers to get high in the past month.

**ELLENSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR, 3,001 STUDENTS**

* 6 students with alcohol incidents resulting in expulsion or suspension
* 5 students with illicit drug incidents resulting in expulsion or suspension

**KITTITAS SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR, 667 STUDENTS**

* 4 students with alcohol incidents resulting in expulsion or suspension
* 1 student with illicit drug incidents resulting in expulsion or suspension

**CLE ELUM-ROSLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR, 924 STUDENTS**

* 2 students with alcohol incidents resulting in expulsion or suspension

**KITTITAS VALLEY HEALTHCARE**

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**What is already being done?**

* ADDS: Assessments and outpatient treatment for youth
* KCCNC: Collective impact approach to youth substance abuse prevention, Cascade Prevention Coalition in Cle Elum, ….
* SCHOOLS: