Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention: Promoting healthy lifestyles, families, communities

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Prevention in Douglas County

All across the country, adults are concerned about healthy development of young people. In searching for answers to the behavior problems of alcohol and other drug abuse, delinquency, violence, school drop out, and teen pregnancy, researchers have shown there are number of **risk factors** that increase the chance of adolescents developing health and behavior problems and there are **protective factors** that give youth resilience to problems. Oregon supports county and tribal governments in their strategic plans to prevent alcohol and drug abuse.

Douglas County is utilizing many evidence based strategies to address alcohol and drug abuse.

Douglas County coordinates Strengthening Families Program for parents of middle school youth, Project Northland in the South Umpqua School Districts and Mentoring for youth and adults.

Many coalitions along with the Commission on Children and Families, Douglas County Health and Social Services Department and various agencies, clubs, businesses, and organizations work together to reduce the incidence of underage drinking, tobacco use, problem gambling, pharmaceutical and illicit drug abuse.

Over 102, 000 individuals in Douglas County have access to the wide variety of prevention programs and practices offered.

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