

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



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Prevention in Lake 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.

Lake County is utilizing multiple strategies to address alcohol and drug abuse including:

- Continuous Coalition Development and Recruitment
- Peer Court
- Reducing Social Availability of Alcohol to Minors
- Compliance Checks
- Institutional Reporting
- DUII Enforcement and Underage Drinking Prevention
- Enforcing Zero Tolerance School Policies
- Social Hosting Laws
- Community education and mobilization

Lake County coordinates Student Prevention Groups in all of the County middle schools and high schools with a 7% representation of county middle and high school students. Lake County's Prevention Program works with community partners, schools, parent networks, law enforcement, and Drug Free Workplaces. The Lake County Prevention Program serves the county wide population of 7,400. Activities have been funded through federal block grants, the Drug Free Communities Grant, the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Grant and the STOP Grant.