

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



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Prevention in Marion 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.

The Marion County alcohol and drug prevention program consists of key partnerships and support systems with community social service agencies, school districts, five Oregon Together (Communities That Care) groups, and local prevention and treatment providers.

The prevention program serves our rural communities primarily working with the 9 rural school districts including; N. Marion, Gervais, Woodburn, Mt Angel, Silver Falls, St. Paul, Cascade, Jefferson, N. Santiam, and Regis High School (private school). We also network with Salem-Keizer 24J School District prevention team.

Program services include:

- Facilitate Strengthening Families Program for Parents and Youth age 10-14 (English and Spanish)
- Facilitate Adolescent (MS & HS) research-based curriculum skills classes, including Friendly PEERsuasion, Safe Dates, Project Alert, Project Toward No Drug Abuse, Choosing Not to Use, and Protecting Oneself and Others
- Provide technical assistance and consultation regarding substance abuse prevention curricula, policy development, and in-service training for staff

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- Provide support and technical assistance regarding prevention principals to the five Oregon Together groups in Marion County (Friends of the Family, Jefferson Together, Salem-Keizer Together, Silverton Together, and Woodburn Together).
- Assist school districts and community-based coalitions with applying prevention research, program/ project development, project evaluation, and grant writing
- Disseminate educational resources and materials for prevention and treatment
- Provide free family alcohol, tobacco, and other drug education, "Teens and Drugs: What's the Story?" in English and Spanish
- Maintain provider listing of Marion County Addiction Resource Services

