



Prevention Works! A Community Coalition of Clallam County
is a volunteer coalition that is a catalyst for ways to nurture our children
and strengthen our community.

1998 – 2018: 20 Years of Serving our Community

Thank you to the community for all of its support for programming, training and prevention events over the last twenty years. From the creativity of 7 individuals who started the coalition to the over 400 people on our distribution list, we have proudly served Clallam County.

CATALYST ROLE - Early on Prevention Works! (PW) decided it was really important to emphasize **coordination and collaboration, and not competition**. We decided that it didn't matter if PW did a particular project in the community as long as it got done. Twenty years later we are proudly still playing the facilitator, collaborator, coordinator, catalyst role.

“This joint effort has enhanced program services for children/youth and families and decreased duplication of services” **Kristin Schutte, Olympic Educational Service District 114**

TRAININGS – PW has sponsored or co-sponsored over **135 trainings to over 8,100 participants** (general community and professionals), including parenting education; cultural competency; home visiting and parenting education practices; grant writing; bullying; suicide prevention; social marketing; techniques for community change; as well as focused trainings on specific drugs (**our first 2 trainings on the opioid problem were held in 2010!**) and other topics. Our evaluations overall were always excellent and these trainings provided **low cost local training at national conference level quality**. Our trainings always had community buy in as evidenced by co-sponsorship by other non-profits, governmental entities, businesses and/or local individuals.

“Having a coalition of interested parties allows us to be aware of all the facts necessary to make good decisions on prioritizing use of limited funds to accomplish the most good for our community” **Ken Williams, Retired Superior and Adult Drug Court Judge**

FUNDING –PW brought over **\$1.5 million dollars** in prevention funding directly to our county and **facilitated bringing in at least \$2 million more** in prevention funding from national, state, foundation and local sources. Thousands of volunteer hours (worth hundreds of thousands of dollars in value) have accrued in PW meetings, trainings, and programming.

AWARDS – Received a **Washington State Exemplary Substance Abuse Prevention Award**; one Board member awarded an Exemplary Award and two Board members were presented with Life Time Achievement Awards.

COLLABORATIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT & DISSEMINATION OF PREVENTION DATA & RESEARCH –

Prevention Works! has a long history of helping **facilitate the examination of local, state and national level data** related to many community issues including rates of substance use, child abuse and neglect, and violence. The collaborative needs assessment process provided a format for the community to analyze data and come to consensus on the greatest needs and strategies to implement. We facilitated the purchase of 11 expensive evidence based parenting curricula that were shared throughout the community. Through the PW distribution list of over 400 individuals, we continue to provide that data to the community. Throughout PW's history the focus has mostly been on programming and strategies for parents/caregivers of children from pre-natal to age eight and the children themselves. Research shows that this focus is at a critical age span and is the most cost effective.

ADVOCACY – Prevention Works! has played an important advocacy role as a coalition made up of community members, non-profits, medical and law enforcement, educators, governmental agencies and others. We have been an influential component in county-wide prevention planning, informing the public and community decision makers of research and strategies to meet community needs.

“Prevention Works! plays a vital role in the quality of life we enjoy by partnering with others to reduce child abuse, substance abuse and violence”

Mike Chapman, Former Clallam County Commissioner and current Clallam County State Representative

Prevention Works! has become **a trusted source of information and consultation, a respected voice and an entity of influence.** In 2010, the **Clallam County Board of Commissioners charged PW with the job** of convening over 50 community members **to develop a prevention plan** for the county. In 2011 the first 5 Year Prevention Plan was developed.

COUNTY WIDE PREVENTION PLAN - Since 2011 with subsequent updates, PW has coordinated the County Wide Prevention Plan for Clallam County. Through the establishment of task forces focused on Parenting Education and Support; Home Visiting; Life Long Learning focused on parents/caregivers of young children as well as educating educators; Early Screening of pre-kindergarten aged children for social, emotional, and behavioral problems; and Reduction of bullying and violence by children and youth, the coalition has supported discussion, development of strategies, assisted with coordinating funding with various funding sources, and assisted in evaluation.

PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION - Prevention Works! decided from the very onset that evaluation of programming was an important component and has influenced the use and demand for evaluation of programs. PW coordinated the professional evaluation of a number of parenting education and home visiting programs sponsored by a variety of funding sources so that there was a large enough sample size to be helpful for overall community planning. **Findings were positive and often very impressive.**

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