

## **Addendum to Prevention Works! 5 year plan, covering the years 2016-2018**

Prevention Works! is a volunteer coalition that acts as a catalyst for ways to nurture our children and strengthen our community. Since 1998, the members of Prevention Works! have been working to increase opportunities for children and their parents to develop healthy behaviors, and good parenting practices.

In 2012, five task forces were created to work on implementing the goals of the PW!'s original 5 year plan for Clallam County. In 2014, a revised 5 year plan was presented to the county commissioners. Today, we are submitting additional information about our intent to carry on the work of the task forces through the next three years, 2016-2018.

### **Goals for Parent Education Advocacy, Support and Services Task Force (PEASS) for 2016-2018**

#### Parent / Caregiver Education Goals:

- Continue to offer and promote parenting education classes throughout the county, evaluate their effectiveness and seek additional funding for parenting education.
- Stay connected with the parenting education field on the local, state and national level and promotes continual development of our capacity in Clallam County.
- Continue to identify parenting education facilitator training needs.
- Explore other means and formats for educating and supporting parents / caregivers and implement those as appropriate.
- Embed in all our work a social norm component for parenting education and what parenting education can look like.
- Align and coordinate with other committee and community partners to help each other and to ensure we are not duplicating services.
- Create a shared emails list to inform all agencies and interested individuals who are invested in providing parenting education or making referrals for their clients to other parenting education opportunities; the goal is to share opportunities and to support calendaring for services to avoid duplication and conflicts.

#### Home Visiting Goals:

- Identify opportunities to expand Home Visiting Services county wide and support local Home Visiting providers to access these resources.
- Promote family success by seeking to increase populations served through home visiting.
- Emphasize the need to focus on home visiting services in the West End communities and in the Tribal Communities.

- Identify reimbursement and sustainability concerns faced by Home Visiting programs and look for opportunities to assist Home Visiting providers in delivering their services.
- Facilitate development and submission of applications for public and private non-profit funding for Home Visiting programs.
- Promote collaboration between service providers who provide Home Visiting services. This would include planning for and facilitating work around appropriate and effective referrals systems and processes.
- Promote collaboration between Home Visiting providers to support one another in our mission to serve and empower families.
- Identify training needs of the Home Visiting community and when possible work together to provide those training opportunities.
- Create a learning community where we will share emerging research and information about the Home Visiting field.
- Create and maintain a current list of Home Visiting services in Clallam County

### **Goals for Life Long Learning Task Force for 2016-2018**

- Increase outreach to state and county elected officials about the Seven Essential Life Skills.
- Continue to spread awareness among parents and the general community about the Seven Essential Life skills. Focus/ Self Control
  - Perspective Taking
  - Communicating
  - Making Connections
  - Critical Thinking
  - Taking on Challenges
  - Self-Directed, Engaged Learning
- Research and select an early learning program that has proven to be successful in child care centers and explore implementation in Clallam County.
- Advocate and plan for increased volunteer participation at the Kindergarten level in the Port Angeles school district.

### **Goals for the Early Screening Task Force for 2016-2018**

- Continue to seek the capacity to expand screening, parent coaching and *Play and Learn* groups throughout the county. Our goal is to screen 400 to 500 children per year.
- Expand awareness of Child Check  $\sqrt$  among all licensed child care providers in the county and all primary health care providers.
- Conduct a public awareness campaign to alert parents to this free screening service.

- Continue to work through the Forks school District and the ECAP program to provide Child Check ✓ screenings to 18 month to 3 year old children in Hispanic communities.
- Participate with the County Health Department in publishing a guide to screening of young children in Clallam County.
- Continue to identify gaps in services to families.
- Advocate for the creation of additional parenting education resources and additional professional intervention resources for young children and their parents.

### **Goals for the Bullying Reduction and Violence Elimination (BRAVE) Task Force for 2016-2018**

- Continue to work with the school districts of Clallam County to encourage them to consider and then bring the Olweus System to their campuses to achieve the reduction of bullying and elimination of violence between peers on school campuses.
- Schedule Darin Lauer, The White Hatter to provide his workshops (Digital Citizenship) at the Sequim School District and the Crescent School District for October 2016.
- Develop capacity to bring Mr. Lauer's Digital Citizenship workshops to every middle and high school in Clallam County.
- Continue to work on a Social Norming Campaign to reduce bullying and eliminate violence between peers.
- Continue to collaborate with our schools and social service agencies in the delivery of projects, classes and programs related to the reduction of bullying and violence in and among our youth

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