



*Our vision:*

Washakie County will be a safe and healthy, drug-free community for our youth.

*Our mission:*

To **prevent and reduce youth substance abuse** in Washakie County by working together with parents, youth, educators, law enforcement, health and mental health professionals, youth serving organizations, local businesses, and many others who believe in the goal of a drug free community.

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**The Washakie Prevention Coalition (WPC)** meets once a month, typically the third Thursday of the month over the noon hour. We keep the meetings to one hour—lunch provided—to make it as easy as possible to attend. *Meeting notices, reminders and minutes are sent to the WPC email list. Email [washakiepreventioncoalition@gmail.com](mailto:washakiepreventioncoalition@gmail.com) to be added.*

## **2019-2020 WPC monthly meeting dates:**

*(Usually the third Thursday of each month, with a few exceptions due to scheduling conflicts)*

September 26, 2019

October 24, 2019

November 21, 2019

December 19, 2019

January 16, 2020

February 20, 2020

March 19, 2020

April 16, 2020

May 21, 2020

*(regular monthly meetings break for summer months)*

## **Workgroup Opportunities**

*(Workgroups meet outside of regular coalition meetings to focus on specific strategies. Anyone interested in these focus areas is welcome to join—see contact info below to add your names to the list and to learn about meeting times. More workgroups may be added as new focus areas emerge.)*

Parent Engagement Workgroup - focuses on strategies to engage and support parents in preventing and reducing youth substance abuse. Contact: Sheri Gunderson

[wcyal@washakiecounty.net](mailto:wcyal@washakiecounty.net)

Activity Pass Workgroup – focuses on developing and implementing the Activity Pass program, which provides voucher-type financial assistance for youth to get involved in healthy activities. Contact: Sarah Garcia: [sgarcia@washakiecounty.net](mailto:sgarcia@washakiecounty.net)

Faith Community Engagement Workgroup - focuses on strategies to engage and support the faith community in preventing and reducing youth substance abuse. Contact: Sarah Garcia: [sgarcia@washakiecounty.net](mailto:sgarcia@washakiecounty.net)

Drug Free Community Walk/Run Workgroup – focuses on planning and implementing the community walk/run held in the Spring to help raise awareness and funds for the coalition. Contact: Lila Jolley: [wcpreservation@washakiecounty.net](mailto:wcpreservation@washakiecounty.net)

Prevention Night Workgroup – focuses on planning and implementing the Prevention Night held at a fall or winter athletic event to help build community support for youth being substance free. Contact: Sheri Gunderson [wcyal@washakiecounty.net](mailto:wcyal@washakiecounty.net)

Data Workgroup – focuses on collecting and using data that the coalition can use to help choose the right strategies for our county's youth. Contact: Sheri Gunderson [wcyal@washakiecounty.net](mailto:wcyal@washakiecounty.net)

PCF Workgroup - for attendees of June's Positive Culture Framework training who are interested in helping ensure effective implementation of that process. Contact: Sheri Gunderson [wcyal@washakiecounty.net](mailto:wcyal@washakiecounty.net)

## **Youth Coalition**

All youth coalition members (such as Ten Sleep youth leaders, W-Club and Brave Club members) are an essential part the Washakie Prevention Coalition. Through the youth coalition, youth members use role modeling, substance-free events and other strategies to lead their peers in creating a drug-free community. The youth coalition primarily meets separately from the larger coalition, but WPC meetings also benefit from youth attendance and feedback to ensure the work of the wider coalition is relevant and effective. Contacts:

Andee Bilodeau [abilodeau@wsh1.k12.wy.us](mailto:abilodeau@wsh1.k12.wy.us) (Worland)

Chawna Wiechmann [Chawna.Wiechmann@wsh2.k12.wy.us](mailto:Chawna.Wiechmann@wsh2.k12.wy.us) (Ten Sleep)

## WPC Leadership Team

*A subgroup of the WPC meets monthly to help plan the agenda for the regular coalition meetings. This group is also open to anyone interested—please contact Sarah Garcia [sgarcia@washakiecounty.net](mailto:sgarcia@washakiecounty.net) or Sheri Gunderson [wcyal@washakiecounty.net](mailto:wcyal@washakiecounty.net) to join.*

Sarah Garcia, *Youth Alternatives Program Director / DFC Program Director*

Sheri Gunderson, *Youth Alternatives Grants Manager / DFC Project Coordinator*

Lila Jolley, *Washakie County Prevention Specialist*

Andee Bilodeau, *Worland High School Counselor*

Bob Vines, *Washakie County Victim Witness Coordinator*

Amanda Heinemeyer, *Washakie County Public Health Nurse Manager*

Stacey Utterback, *Impressence Design*

## WPC Sector Representatives

*As a recipient of a Drug Free Communities grant, WPC has identified 12 Sector Representatives who serve as leaders and representatives for the Coalition in the following sectors:*

Ella Stanek and Kylie Warren, *Worland High School Juniors* – **Youth**

Toni Casdorff, *Parent* – **Parent**

Fred Frandson, *County Commissioner and business owner* – **Business**

Karla Pomeroy, *Northern Wyoming News Editor* – **Media**

Brian Gunderson, *Worland High School Vice Principal* – **School**

Shannon Christian, *Worland Youth Learning Center Executive Director* – **Youth Serving**

### **Organization**

Steve Rakness, *Washakie County Sheriff* – **Law Enforcement**

Rev. Tim Trippel, *Grace Lutheran Church* – **Religious/Fraternal Organization**

Lisa Beamer, *business owner and Worland Kiwanis member* – **Civic/Volunteer Organization**

Amanda Heinemeyer, RN, BSN, *Public Health Nurse Manager* – **Healthcare Professional**

Mary Johnson, MSW, LCSW, *Cloud Peak Counseling Center Clinical Director* – **Government funded agency with a focus on substance abuse**

Lila Jolley, *Washakie County Prevention Specialist* – **Other Organization Involved in Reducing Substance Abuse**

## **WPC Resources**

**Members** – more than anything else, the work of the coalition is made possible through the efforts of its members. Thank you for contributing your time, your valuable skills and perspectives, and a shared passion for the youth in our community.

**Grants** – funding received through grants helps support the coalition’s efforts even further:

- Drug Free Communities Grant - *\$125,000 per year for up to five years (purpose: staff time, training, coalition capacity building, and coalition-directed strategies targeting youth substance abuse prevention) We are currently in year two of this grant.*
- County Prevention Grant - *\$218,434 two-year grant (purpose: staff time, strategies targeting substance abuse and suicide prevention) We are currently in year two of this grant.*
- Children’s Trust Fund – *one-time grant (provided funding for June 2019 Big Horn Basin Children’s Summit, as well as \$2,008 for the Activity Pass program)*

### **Fundraising:**

- Drug Free Community Walk/Run - *\$543 (dollars raised at the May 2019 Walk-Run provided for the Activity Pass Program)*