# **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. WPC

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### WHAT WE DO:

Every month, community members from all over Washakie County gather together to learn about and find solutions to the substance abuse issues our youth are facing. Our community- focused approach relies on participation, feedback and support from all community members as we work together to impact these issues.

#### **OUR WORK:**

In addition, smaller work groups meet when needed to address specific issues or strategies. Strategies have included: parent engagement, faith community engagement, community events, helping youth access healthy activities, data collection, and many more.

## JOIN US! We are here to help. You can too! For more information, visit us at washakiepreventioncoalition.org

#### **YOUTH COALITION:**

Washakie County's youth coalition members (such as Ten Sleep youth leaders, Worland High School's W-Club and Worland Middle School's Brave Club members) are an essential part of 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.

#### **HOW WE OPERATE**

Strategies identified by the **Washakie Prevention Coalition** are supported by a Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant from the President's Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and by a County Prevention grant from the Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division (WDH-PHD).

The DFC grant has two major goals:

Establish and strengthen collaboration among communities, public and private nonprofit agencies, and Federal, State, local and tribal governments to support the efforts of community coalitions to prevent and reduce substance use among youth.

2. Reduce substance use among youth and, over time, reduce substance use among adults by addressing the factors in a community that increase the risk of substance abuse and promoting the factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse.

#### The County Prevention grant addresses

five of Wyoming's top priorities (underage alcohol and youth marijuana use, adult overconsumption of alcohol, tobacco use, opioid/prescription drug misuse/abuse and other drugs, and suicide) and provides opportunities and additional resources to Counties to implement data-driven and evidence-based substance abuse and suicide prevention plans that positively impact substance use and mental health.