

NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Back to School Bash, Grades K-5**
Thursday, August 7th 5-7 PM
at the High School Pavillion (by Track)
- **Children’s Resource Center - Carnival, Ages 0-5**
Monday, August 25, 2025 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
at WCCC (Worland Community Center)
- **Prosper Suicide Training**
August 19th - Ten Sleep School personnel
- **Worland Prevention Night**
Prevention Night Wrestling -January 22nd
Prevention Night Basketball - January 23rd
- **Drug Free Community Walk**
Wednesday, May 6, 2026 6:00-8:00 PM

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Washakie Prevention Coalition
[Community Center Conference Room]

- Thursday, August 21, NOON
- Tuesday, August 26, 6PM
- Thursday, September 18, NOON
- Tuesday, September 30, 6pm
- Thursday, October 16, NOON
- Tuesday, October 28, 6pm

Ten Sleep Task Force
[6:30 PM @ Ten Sleep Library]

- Tuesday, September 2
- Tuesday, October 7

*Food is provided.
Childcare available at
Worland evening meetings.*



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



REBECCA DENNISON **Drug Free Communities Program Director**

We would like to introduce Rebecca Dennison as the new Drug-Free Communities Program Director for the Washakie Prevention Coalition. Rebecca stepped into this role in July and we are excited to have her as a part of our team as she is committed to creating a safe, healthy environment for our youth. Originally from North Dakota, Rebecca has called Worland home for the past two years. She and her fiancé, a Worland alumni, are raising four wonderful children together. Rebecca has ample experience working with children and youth and she brings a strong passion for youth outreach,

community engagement, and making a difference. She believes in early education, leadership opportunities, and that strong community involvement can make a difference in a young person's life. She is known for her efficiency, organizational skills, and dedication to helping others. In her free time, she enjoys hunting, camping, and spending time outdoors with her family. Rebecca is excited to support local prevention efforts. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about our programs with the Washakie Prevention Coalition, Rebecca would love to hear from you!

SPOTLIGHT - LAW ENFORCEMENT SECTOR

The Washakie County Sheriffs Department and the Worland Police Department have been essential partners in the effort of substance abuse prevention. They are always willing and ready to represent at a meeting, give insight into community norms, participate in events hosted by WPC and support any efforts the WPC is working on. We would not be an effective coalition without their efforts. We appreciate all they do for this community and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.

CADCA TRAINING 2025

Thanks to funding through the Drug Free Communities grant, Washakie County youth and leaders had the opportunity to travel to Nashville for the 2025 National Leadership Forum. Led by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA), the forum offers four days of training from the nation's top leaders in substance use prevention and policy.



CADCA TRAINING RECAP

By Ten Sleep High School Student
Kelsie Griffin

Going to 2025 CADCA Mid-Year was a great experience. At CADCA I was taught how to use my communication skills to become a better leader for the community. Ten Sleep has faced many challenges when it comes to substance abuse and this conference provided me with the tools I need to start working toward prevention. At CADCA I got to meet kids from New York all the way to Washington all trying to find a solution for this issue. Substance abuse in schools is everywhere and it is a serious problem but CADCA is doing everything they can to try to promote sobriety in teens throughout the US. By being brought into this organization of people all looking to solve the same problem I learned many new strategies for substance prevention.



PROSPER Suicide Prevention Training

Washakie County Washakie County was honored to host a PROSPER Suicide Prevention Training led by Dr. Kent Corso, PsyD, BCBA-D, a nationally recognized suicidologist. This in-depth training provided local professionals, educators, and community members with evidence-based strategies to identify warning signs, intervene early, and support individuals at risk for suicide. Dr. Corso's expertise and engaging approach equipped attendees with practical tools to address suicide risk across various settings—including schools, healthcare, and community programs. The training also emphasized data-driven prevention, collaborative care, and reducing stigma around mental health and suicide. This initiative reflects Washakie County's continued commitment to enhancing mental health resources and building a more responsive, informed community.

Prevention Walk 2025



Annual Tyson Hoops Memorial Fundraiser





GIVE THEM GUIDANCE.

Be ready to talk with youth about alcohol and other drugs.

Community members can help prevent underage drinking and other drug use. Engage with youth in your community. Show them you care about their overall health, wellness, and wellbeing. For tips on how—and when—to begin the conversation, visit

talktheyhearyou.samhsa.gov



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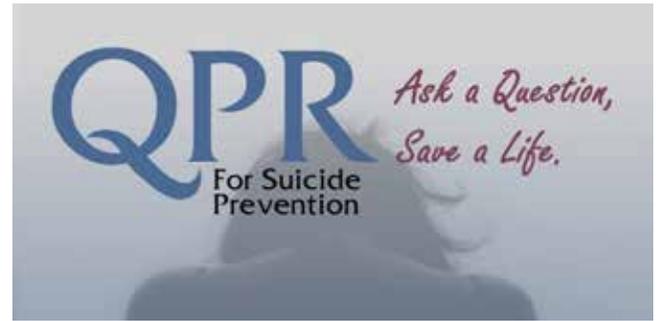
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SAMHSA
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration

QPR Trainings

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer - the three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Just as people trained in CPR help save lives, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. QPR can be learned in as little as one hour.



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.

OUR VISION:

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



Washakie Prevention Coalition is a community wide group dedicated to the goal of a drug-free community!

JOIN US!

We are here to help. You can too!

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