



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 and raise awareness for mental health*** 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) has two options for you to attend monthly meetings. WPC meets monthly over noon hour, typically the third Thursday. We keep meetings to one hour - lunch provided - to make it easy to attend. We also have an evening meeting to accommodate busy schedules, typically the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. Meetings are held at the Worland Community Center Complex meeting room.

Meeting notices, reminders, and minutes are sent to the WPC email list. E-mail washakiepreventioncoalition@gmail.com to be added.

WPC Monthly Meeting Dates - Worland

Daytime Meetings: Noon

Thursday, 17, 2025
Thursday, August 21, 2025
Thursday, September 18, 2025
Thursday, October 16, 2025
Thursday, November 20, 2025
Thursday, December 18, 2025

Thursday, January 15, 2026
Thursday, February 19, 2026
Thursday, March 26, 2026
Thursday, April 16, 2026
Thursday, May 21, 2026
Thursday, June 18, 2026

Evening Meetings: 6PM

July, No Evening Meeting
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Tuesday, October 28, 2025
Tuesday, November 25, 2025
December, No Evening Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2026
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Ten Sleep Task Force Monthly Meeting Dates - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 5, 2025
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Tuesday, January 6, 2026
Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Tuesday, March 3, 2026
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Tuesday, May 5, 2026

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 name to the list and to learn about meeting times. More workgroups may be added as a new focus area emerges.

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

Contact: Kassie Nolting knolting@washakiecountywy.gov

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: Rebecca Dennison rdennison@washakiecountywy.gov

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: Rebecca Dennison rdennison@washakiecountywy.gov

Data Workgroup - focuses on collecting and using data that the coalition can use to help choose the right strategies for our country's youth.

Contact: Lila Jolley wcprevention@washakiecountywy.gov

Youth Coalition

All youth coalition 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 are also a benefit from youth attendance and feedback to ensure the work of the wider coalition is relevant and effective.

Worland: rdennison@washakiecountywy.gov

Ten Sleep: chawna.wiechmann@tensleepschools.com

WPC Leadership Team

A subgroup of the WPC meets monthly to plan the agenda for the regular coalition meetings. This group is also open to anyone interested - please contact

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- Rebecca Dennison, Drug Free Communities Program Director
- Kassie Nolting, Diversion Program Director/DFC Project Coordinator
- Lila Jolly, Community Prevention Specialist
- Toni Casdorph - Parent
- 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:

- **Youth -**
- **Parent -** Toni Casdorph
- **Business -**
- **School -** Aaron Abel, WHS Vice Principal and Athletic Director
- **Youth Serving Organizations -** Amanda Macy, Worland Youth Learning Center Executive Director
- **Law Enforcement -** Gabe Elliot, Worland Police Chief and Austin Brookwell, Washakie County Sheriff
- **Religious/Fraternal Organization -** Tim Tripple, Washakie County Ministerial Association
- **Civic/Volunteer Organization -** Karina Rice, Crisis Prevention & Response Center
- **Healthcare Professional -** Amanda Heinemeyer, RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse Manager
- **Government funded agency with a focus on substance abuse -** Mary Johnson, MSW, LCSW Oxbow Counseling Center Executive Director
- **Other Organization involved with reducing substance abuse -** Lila Jolley, Washakie County Prevention Specialist

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 the grants helps support the coalition's efforts even further:

- Drug Free Communities Grant: *\$125,000 per year for up to ten years through the Office of National Drug Control Policy. (purpose: staff time, training, coalition capacity building, and coalition-directed strategies targeting youth substance abuse prevention). We are currently beginning year 8 of this grant.*
- County Prevention Grant: *\$215,620 through state legislation. (purpose: staff time, strategies targeting substance abuse, and scucide prevention) Grant renews every two years, we are currently in year two of grant.*

Potential Fundraising:

- Drug Free Community Walk/Run: *(freewill donations)*

Other In-Kind Support:

- Washakie County: *(office space, administrative overhead, fiscal oversight)*
- Worland Community Center: *(monthly meeting space)*