The Power of Partnership
Building a Safe and Resilient Community Together

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Alone we can do so little…

Together we can do so much
Partnership: It’s how we get things done!

- Local tradition
- It is “our” community
- Maximizes limited resources
- Supports sustainable “upstream” work
- Aligns goals and reduces redundancy of efforts
- Leverages data to drive change
- Increases reach, trust, and responsiveness
- Aligns with concept of “Chief Health Strategist”
Building a safe and resilient community together

- Faith Based Coffee
- Safe Kids Coalition
- ACEs Action Alliance
Faith Based Coffee – Mission and history

• A monthly convening of stakeholders and partners to:
  • Share learning
  • Forge stronger working relationships
  • Marshal resources to support kids and families

• Originated in 2011 by Clark County Public Health, VPS, and Parish Nursing

• Mission: To improve conditions and build community and family resiliency

• March 2012: Vancouver (west-side)

• February 2015: Evergreen (east-side) Faith-Based Coffee
Faith Based Coffee - Partners

Schools: Vancouver and Evergreen Public Schools

Non-profit and agency partners
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Catholic Community Services
- Child Protective Services
- Clark County Public Health
- Council for the Homeless
- Dept of Social and Health Services
- EOCF
- ESD 112
- Janus Youth Services
- Juvenile Justice
- Lutheran Family Services
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
- Prevention coalitions
- Share
- Teach One to Lead One
- YMCA
- YWCA
- Washington State University
- and more…

Interfaith partners
- Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
- Cascade Baptist Church (host)
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Church of the Good Shepard
- Columbia Presbyterian Church
- Congregation Kol Ami
- Crosspointe Baptist Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Life Point Church
- Mill Plain United Methodist Church
- Orchards United Methodist Church
- St. Andrew Lutheran Church
- St. Joseph Catholic Church
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Unitarian Universalist Church Vancouver
- Seventh-day Adventist
- Vancouver Baha’i
- Vancouver Adventist Community Church (host)
- and more…
Together, we:

• Strengthen cross-sector relationships
• Bridge the divide between faith communities and schools
• Improve awareness of needs
• Leverage resources and supports
• Improve advocacy
• Enhance understanding of community issues
• Celebrate collaboration, accomplishments, and progress
Faith Based Coffee – Success & recognition

Successes:
• Housing/homelessness
• Food support
• Tutoring/mentoring
• Health, exercise and nutrition

Recognitions:
• National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) – Promising Practice
• Model presented by invitation at state and national conferences
Safe Kids Coalition – Mission and history

Safe Kids Worldwide

• Campaign founded in 1988 by Martin Eichelberger, MD
• Safe Kids Worldwide founded in 2005
• Today, 400 coalitions in U.S.
Safe Kids Coalition – Mission and history

Safe Kids Clark County

• Started in 1994

• Mission: To implement evidence-based programs revolving around the needs of our community:
  • Child passenger safety
  • Safe sleep for babies
  • Window fall prevention
  • Water safety
  • Pedestrian and bike safety
  • Firearm safety
Safe Kids Coalition - Partners

Additional Self-Storage
American Medical
Response211 Info
Bike Clark County
Clark County Fire District 6
Clark County Public Health
Clark County Sheriff’s Office
Clark County Sheriff’s Office – Marine Unit
Columbia Springs
Consumer Products Safety Commission
CRESA
Evergreen Orchards Lions Club
Evergreen School District
Legacy Health Systems
Molina Health Care
Moms Demand Action
Nautical Safety Foundation
Oregon Health Sciences University
Vancouver Parks and Recreation
P-CAP
PeaceHealth Southwest
Safe Kids Portland Metro
Sea Mar Community Health Centers
Vancouver Fire Department
Vancouver Police Department
Vancouver School District
Washington State Patrol
And more…
Safe Kids Coalition – Success Story

Child Passenger Safety

Data: 85% misuse of car seats

Since 1999 in Clark County:
• Monthly trainings
• Discounted car seats
• 25 trained technicians
• Interpreter available

From 2013 – present
• 1,333 car seats checked
• 1,030 car seats provided
ACEs Action Alliance – History

Why we formed

Adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress before the age of 18 are a root cause of poor physical, mental, and behavioral health outcomes later in life and can reduce life expectancy by up to 20 years.

Prevention requires:

• A life-course model
• A shared understanding and language
• A paradigm shift
• Cross-sector collaboration

When we started in 2015 – 15 members
Today – Nearly 400 individuals and 75 organizations
ACEs Action Alliance – Partners

Government agencies  Mental health providers
Faith communities  Behavioral health providers
Schools  Prevention coalitions
Health care providers  Community collaboratives (SELF, HLC)
Social service agencies  Parents
Youth-serving organizations  Youth
Widespread ACEs and resilience education and outreach

- Ensuring the ACEs lens is applied
- Website and Facebook page
- Alliance speakers’ bureau
- Community events
- Film screenings
- Learning collaborative meetings
- Community conversation series
- Book clubs

Example: Schools

- Educated teachers/staff
- Trauma-informed classrooms
- Self-regulation curriculum
- Restorative justice
- Reflected in policies and practices
Join us and make a difference today!

For more information or to join any of these collaborative groups

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-- Helen Keller

Thank you!

Comments and questions