

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...



Faith Based Coffee – Outcomes

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
- 1030 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
Faith communities
Schools
Health care providers
Social service agencies
Youth-serving organizations

Mental health providers
Behavioral health providers
Prevention coalitions
Community collaboratives (SELF, HLC)
Parents
Youth



ACEs Action Alliance – Successes

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



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

