

Pomeroy Partners for Healthy Families



POMEROY PARTNERS
for Healthy Families

Highlights from the
2025-2027
Strategic Plan

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Executive Summary

Mission Statement

As a coalition, we strive to empower youth and families, promote mental well-being, and reduce substance use, in collaboration with our community partners.

Who We Are

The Pomeroy Partners coalition is an adult volunteer organization that addresses issues affecting teens, such as drug use, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and mental health. Our membership is made up of 12 primary community sectors required by the CDC's Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant and Washington State's Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative (CPWI).

The area we serve is Garfield County, Pomeroy School District and zip code 99347, with Quality

Behavioral Health serving as our fiscal agent. Typically, CPWI coalitions do not serve entire counties, but since there is only one school district and one zip code in our county, we are a county-wide coalition by default. Our two full time staff, Director Sarah Meyers, and Coordinator Melody Tillinghast, are employees of QBH and work at the office on Main Street in Pomeroy.

Part of being a CPWI community involves having a Student Assistance Professional (SAP) placed in the school. A SAP plays a crucial role in supporting students' mental health and well-being within an educational setting. Some key responsibilities of a SAP include implementing prevention and education programs, conducting screenings and assessments, providing an intervention when students have been found to be using substances, and referring students to outside services when needed. Our SAP, Lauren Price, is a Pomeroy local and an employee of ESD123 who works full time at Pomeroy Jr Sr High School. Lauren has been the SAP at PHS since May of 2022, is also the Secretary of the coalition, and assists with the Pirate Partners Youth Coalition.



“Marijuana has had a big impact on my family. Both of my parents smoke, they both drink, they have all this mental health stuff.... I've seen what an impact that has on my entire family, and I don't wanna do that to other people... it's scary and I don't wanna be in that situation.”

-Youth focus group attendee on why they don't use drugs

What We Do

Our goal is ensure that every young person in Garfield County can reach their full potential. We do this by increasing community factors that are pro-child and pro-teen, like fostering positive adult relationships and making they get support if they are using substances, and reducing factors that harm youth, like having substances widely available and community attitudes that don't think teen substance use is a big deal. These are known as Risk and Protective Factors. In our assessment, we used data and focus groups to prioritize these five goals. These are our prioritized risk and protective factors.

Our prioritized goals

Goal #1: Increase community organization

What: Increase our community's capacity to work together address youth risk factors

What we do: Grow the Pomeroy Partners coalition and get involved in with other community organizations

Goal #2: Make substances less readily available

What: Decrease our youth's access to alcohol, marijuana, and vapes by ending underage retail sales and preventing parents from freely providing it at home

What we do: Public awareness campaigns, changing the environment, enforcing laws

Goal #3: Change community attitudes – too many people think substance use is OK

What: Increase the number of people (teens AND adults) who think substance use is wrong

What we do: Public awareness campaigns for parents, LifeSkills program in grades 6 – 8

Goal #4: Keep kids bonded to and excited about school

What: Increase opportunities that our youth have for prosocial involvement and relationships with positive adults

What we do: Pirate Partners Youth Coalition

Goal #5: Make sure interventions help and not harm

What: Keep on top of best practices for substance use discipline in our school

What we do: Work with school policy consultant (Cascadia Youth Mental Health), and stay informed on trauma informed discipline, and support our Student Assistance Professional (SAP)

Organizational Structure



Our Structure

Coalition Fiscal Agent:

Quality Behavioral Health

Our coalition's fiscal agent is Quality Behavioral Health. QBH has coalitions in Garfield and Asotin Counties, and QBH's other services include community mental health therapy, intensive services for families (WISE), the Recovery Navigator Program (RNP), housing assistance, a community

sexual assault program (CSAP), substance use disorder treatment, and mental health counseling for adults, children, and teens.

Coalition Full-Time Paid Staff:

Sarah Meyers, BA, CPP, Coalition Director & Melody Tillinghast, CPP, Coalition Coordinator

Since Pomeroy Partners has both Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative (CPWI) funds and the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Grant, our coalition has two full-time staff. Sarah Meyers, Director, has been with the coalition since 2014 and Melody Tillinghast, a former coalition member, was brought on when the coalition received the DFC funds in early 2021. Both staff are Certified Prevention Professionals (CPPs) in Washington State. They work at the Quality Behavioral Health (QBH) office in Pomeroy, located on Main Street.

Youth Coalition Advisors

Wendy Snyder, Special Education Paraprofessional, & Pirate Partners Youth Advisor

Jessica Wolf, Social Studies & History Teacher, & Pirate Partners Youth Advisor



Our youth coalition is led by two paid advisors at Pomeroy High School, Jessica Wolf and Wendy Snyder. Jessica Wolf is a history social studies teacher as well as the senior class advisor, and Wendy Snyder is a para- professional in special education and advisor for FCCLA. The Pirate Partners Youth Coalition has approximately 70 members, with 6 high school juniors as Youth Leaders.

CPWI Partnership - Student Assistance Professional
Lauren Price, BA, Student Assistance Professional

Prevention programs can only go so far – when students are already using substances, they may need an intervention. The Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative requires all communities in the program to have a Student Assistance Professional (SAP) to provide prevention and intervention services directly in the school. The purpose of the SAP is to provide students who are at risk or already using substances an intervention, and make sure that the interactions help and don't harm.

Our SAP, Lauren Price, works at Pomeroy Jr. Sr. High School and sees students for 1-on-1 interventions when the need arises. Students can be referred by teachers, by their friends, by themselves, or they may be required to meet with the SAP if they are caught using substances on campus. The SAP is an employee of ESD123 and works closely with coalition staff, and our Pirate Partners Youth Advisors. She is also the secretary of our coalition and attends coalition meetings and leadership team meetings.

Pirate Partners Youth Coalition Student Leaders

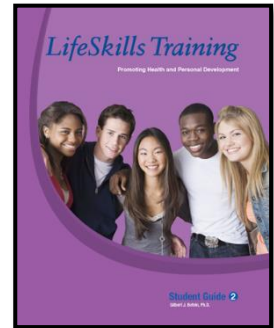
Jonas Blachly, High School Junior	Melinda Tuck, High School Junior
Atalya Mitchell, High School Junior	Caroline McKeirnan, High School Junior
Sophia Phelps, High School Junior	Ismael Arteaga, High School Junior

When we received the DFC grant in 2021, we pitched starting a youth coalition as a senior project to any juniors who would be interested in starting that summer. In 2021, we recruited two girls to take on the task of starting our youth coalition as their senior project, and we used DFC funds to contract two school staff to oversee the project. Every year, we have learned a little more about how to make the youth coalition better, and now we have six high school juniors who have agreed to be our leaders for two years.

Other Coalition Contracted or Part Time Staff

Maureen Scoggin, LifeSkills Instructor & Facilitator

Maureen Scoggin is a retired educator who has spent decades working with youth of all ages, from working in Pomeroy High School’s after school program in the mid to late 2000s, to working as the Elementary school librarian and art teacher. Maureen has been a coalition supporter for many years, attending training offered by the coalition when available, but has only been able to attend coalition meetings since she retired in 2023. Maureen expressed interest in helping the coalition by taking over the LifeSkills implementation and has been our LifeSkills facilitator since spring 2024.



Coalition Elected Board

Chair: Stephanie Yount

Bank of Eastern Washington Branch Manager & Guiding Good Choices Facilitator

Vice Chair: Maureen Scoggin

Catalyst Youth Ministries Coordinator & LifeSkills Facilitator

Secretary: Lauren Price

Student Assistance Professional

Coalition Leadership Team

The Coalition Leadership Team consists of any members who want to join in on deeper discussions in a small-group setting, and help to plan the next month’s full coalition meeting agenda. The Leadership Team Meetings are always an open invitation to all members, and folks who attend don’t necessarily have a title. Regular Leadership Team Meeting attendees include:

Stephanie Yount, Chair

Maureen Scoggin, Vice Chair
Foundation

Lauren Price, Secretary

Carly Akin, Hospital Social Worker

Jayci Field, Nazarene Church Secretary

Nolan Glueckert, Rural Engagement Innovia

Shelly Slaybaugh, Southeast WA Alliance for Health

Aimee Christopherson, Nazarene Church

Membership & Decision Making Process

Our coalition meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Noon at the Nazarene Church. For our members, active participation in coalition meetings, events, and activities is encouraged, we do not strictly meeting attendance because we understand that not everyone can attend a monthly meeting. Active members, those who regularly attend meetings and participate in coalition activities, have the right to vote on coalition decisions. Decisions are typically made through a majority vote, ensuring that all active members have a say in the direction and actions of the coalition. Guests are always welcome to attend coalition meetings and events to learn more about the work and potentially become members.



Recruitment

Pomeroy Partners has worked hard over the last 11 years to recruit and maintain our membership from the 12 community sectors. Since Pomeroy Partners is also a Drug Free Communities coalition, we are required to have all 12 of the community sectors. The 12 sectors required are:

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| 1. Youth | 3. Business | 8. Local Government |
| 2. Parents | 4. Media | 9. Civic or Volunteer Groups |
| | 5. Schools | 10. Healthcare Professionals or Organizations |
| | 6. Youth-Serving | 11. Religious Organizations |
| | 7. Law Enforcement | 12. Other Orgs Involved in ATOD Prevention |

See Appendix A: for our List of Coalition Members

Building our Capacity

Collaboration and Partnership

Throughout the COVID years, our coalition not only maintained our membership but even grew in 2021 after receiving the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Grant and hiring a second full-time coordinator. In 2024, we further strengthened our leadership by establishing the roles of chairperson, vice-chair, and secretary. This process resulted in a highly motivated leadership team committed to their roles.

Relationship building is a continuous process that we build through community outreach and collaboration with our existing partners. Members, Leadership, and staff have all worked within their own personal and professional networks to engage new members. With the addition of the youth coalition advisors, Student Assistance Professional and a School Security Officer, we continue to strengthen our relationship and connections with the school.

Community outreach – Pomeroy Youth & Family Forum

Our public event every year, the Pomeroy Youth & Family Forum, held each year the Tuesday before Memorial Day and there are typically anywhere from 30-40 people in attendance. This event has been instrumental in generating community interest and strengthening engagement, particularly since the addition of the youth coalition. Over the last two years, we have had leaders from the youth coalition present their project at the event and participate in a panel discussion.



Each attendee is given the opportunity to write questions on notecards and the youth panel all take turns answering the questions. The youth panel take turns providing valuable insight on many topics including, "How difficult is it for youth to get drugs or alcohol in Pomeroy?" and "How do you feel social media affects youth in Pomeroy?" The feedback from this event has been extremely positive and it has contributed to growth within our coalition membership.

Building Prevention Knowledge

Both of our coalition staff are Certified Prevention Professionals and have ample opportunities to earn Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) towards renewal. Staff are required to attend the Learning Community Meetings (LCMs) bi-monthly host by Healthcare Authority, the Coalition Leadership Institute (CLI) yearly, and the Prevention Summit in the fall. Other trainings that staff have attended include The Montana Institute, CADCA Conferences, and the Rural Network Conference. Staff are always plugged in to prevention as a rapidly growing field and support their own continuing education by looking for opportunities.

Since the creation of dedicated roles within the coalition leadership, there has been an increased desire for more prevention knowledge within the coalition. Two leaders have been trained to facilitate our classes- Guiding Good Choices and LifeSkills. Trainings, webinars, and other opportunities are shared with coalition membership and many members have been able to attend conferences, such as CADCA Leadership Forum, CADCA Mid-Year, The Montana Institute, Vive18, and SE Washington Regional Youth Summit.

As staff and coalition members attend trainings throughout the year, it is the expectation set forth prior to attending that they will share what they learned at the next regularly scheduled coalition meeting and with the sector they represent. Coalition staff also educate members on prevention science and the latest data trends throughout the year, by sharing webinar and training opportunities via email or at coalition meetings. Pomeroy Partners also hosts a key leader even annually, known as the Pomeroy Annual Youth & Family Forum. This is our chance every year to provide community education on topics relevant to the work of the coalition.

Assessment

Every community coalition is given the freedom to create their own goals by conducting a community assessment. Coalitions use the process pictured to the right to make community level change – the Strategic Prevention Framework



Analyzing our local data for this assessment was difficult for due to the fragmented nature of our results, low numbers, and data suppression. Pomeroy Jr. – Sr. High School only has, on average, 23 students per grade level, which leads to data suppression for some grade levels and measures. Our school opts for the Small School version of the Healthy Youth Survey, which surveys every grade from grades 6 through 12, however, the results for the odd numbered grades are not easily accessible on the HYS website or in summary reports, which results in fractured data. The county data book does combine the small school survey data to give us a measure of combined 8th – 12th grade, but if one grade level out of the five grades is suppressed, the entire measure is suppressed.

Since our data assessment was difficult, we utilized focus groups to assist in choosing our prioritized risk and protective factors. Focus group participants overwhelmingly identified favorable attitudes towards substances, social and retail availability, and early initiation as significant contributors to youth substance use. Teens in our focus groups said that the normalization of substance use observed within adult social circles, greatly impacts young people's perceptions of acceptability. The coalition agreed that parental attitudes towards substance use was a big problem in Pomeroy.

“At most graduation parties, there's booze. When you're camping, there's booze. When you're hunting, there's booze. When you're going to the river, there's booze. If you put on a campfire in your backyard, there's booze. I mean, there just is.”

-Adult focus group attendee on alcohol availability

The group agreed that many parents underestimate the risks associated with substance use, and may even inadvertently or directly condone these behaviors. One suggestion to boost our messaging to adults and parents was to offer prevention messages or presentations at mandatory events where parents will be, like at sports orientation. The group emphasized that consistent and incremental messaging is crucial for effectively altering parental perceptions and behaviors, particularly as their children progress through the school system.

Mental Health

Indicators of poor mental health have been increasing in Pomeroy over the past several years.

Rates of students reporting

depression (during the past 12 months, did you ever feel so sad or hopeless every day for two weeks or more in a row that you stopped doing usual activities?) peaked during the pandemic at 34%, a full third of students in grades 8-12 reporting depression. We saw a small drop in this measure this year, down just two points to 32%. Combining grades 8 and 10, rates of youth depression in Pomeroy have increased faster than the state average since 2014, and now meet the state average.

Combined 8 th – 12 th grade	2016	2018	2021	2023
Depression	29%	29%	34%↑	32%↓
Considering Suicide	17%	17%	26%↑	15%↓
Attempted Suicide	11%	9%↓	7%	10%↑

Source: Garfield County Data book, pg 44-46

Mental health is a top priority for our coalition and we are happy to see that the measure of students considering suicide has dropped by almost half, down 11 points from 26% to just 15%. However, we are concerned that the percentage of students who stated that they have attempted suicide within the last year increased by 3 points, back up to 10%, which had been on a downward trend since 2016. The number of students considering suicide has decreased, but of those students considering suicide, more of them are attempting.

Substance Use Numbers

Lifetime use of alcohol in Pomeroy has always been higher than the state average. Lifetime alcohol use being higher than the state average in 6th grade is an indicator that too many people in our community think alcohol is ok which has been identified by our coalition members as a prioritized risk factor. In 2023, our lifetime use of alcohol (percent of students who report having ever drunk more than a sip of alcohol) measure for 6th grade was almost double the rate of 6th graders statewide, with 29% of Pomeroy 6th graders they have had more than sip of alcohol in their lifetime, while only 17% of 6th graders state wide report the same.

HYS Measures of Youth Substance Use	Grades	2021	2023
Current Drinking	8 th & 10 th	8%	13%↑
	8 th ,9 th ,10 th , 11 th ,12 th	10%	12%
Problem/ Heavy Drinking	8 th & 10 th	10%	8%
	8 th ,9 th ,10 th , 11 th ,12 th	10%	4%↓
Cigarette Smoking	8 th & 10 th	2%	3%
	8 th ,9 th ,10 th , 11 th ,12 th	2%	6%↑
Vaping	8 th & 10 th	12%	10%
	8 th ,9 th ,10 th , 11 th ,12 th	15%	13%

Source: Garfield County Data book, pg 44-46

Pomeroy 8th and 10th grade students are also higher than the state average for current drinking (any alcohol use in the past 30 days at time of surveying), problem or heavy drinking, cigarette smoking, and vaping. Current drinking for 8th and 10th graders



“I think kids use substances because their parents have like, made it an okay thing in their house.”

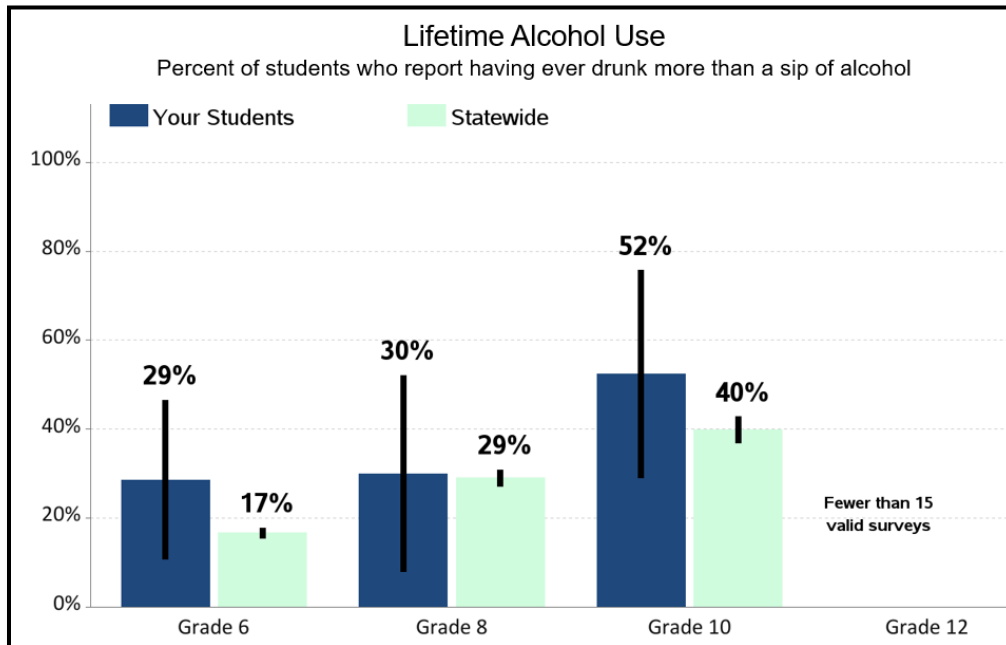
“Some parents even buy it for them.”

-Youth focus group attendees on parental attitudes

has increased 5 points, from 8% in 2021 to 13% in 2023, however, when you combine all grades 8 through 12 at Pomeroy School District, the increase is only 2 points. The Garfield County Data book shows that alcohol use for Pomeroy students has been decreasing in line with the state average, however, since the pandemic, our rates have jumped at a slope slightly higher than the state average.

Other notable data points on substance use consumption include a tripling of the smoking rate for 8th through 12th graders, from just 2% of students to 6% of students. Although 6% is still a small number of students, it shows the importance of constant investments in prevention even when rates are low.

Rates of vaping have also remained steady since 2021, with a slight decrease of 2 percentage points. In late 2023, Garfield County Public Health and Pomeroy High School worked together to install vape detectors in the two main bathrooms at the school. PHS has found that due to its small size, vape detectors were a manageable strategy for prevention because they could be easily be monitored by just one person, and the strategy has been considered successful. Students and teachers alike however, report that students are still vaping, but just not in the bathrooms, which administrators



knew was a possible outcome when the decision to purchase and install vape detectors was made. We will be reviewing data in 2026 from the 2025 Healthy Youth Survey to see if vaping

overall has decreased among Pomeroy students.

Availability – Retail & Social Access

Our focus groups identified that recently, retail accessibility of substances like alcohol and vapes was an emerging issue. Youth participants especially emphasized that that substances are readily available through older peers who can purchase locally, or even local stores that have been selling to underage youth. Participants shared specific instances where retailers allegedly facilitated underage access to substances like alcohol and vaping devices, creating a frustrating community barrier to prevention efforts.

Our youth coalition members said that there have been multiple instances where teens were easily able to get substances like alcohol and vapes from either older peers or buying it directly from a new mini mart in town. This raised a concern amongst the coalition, because this business had always been supportive of our Project Sticker Shock campaign. Conducting a retail scan and changing product placement was identified as a strategy to prioritize, as well as following up with local law enforcement and alert them of this problem.

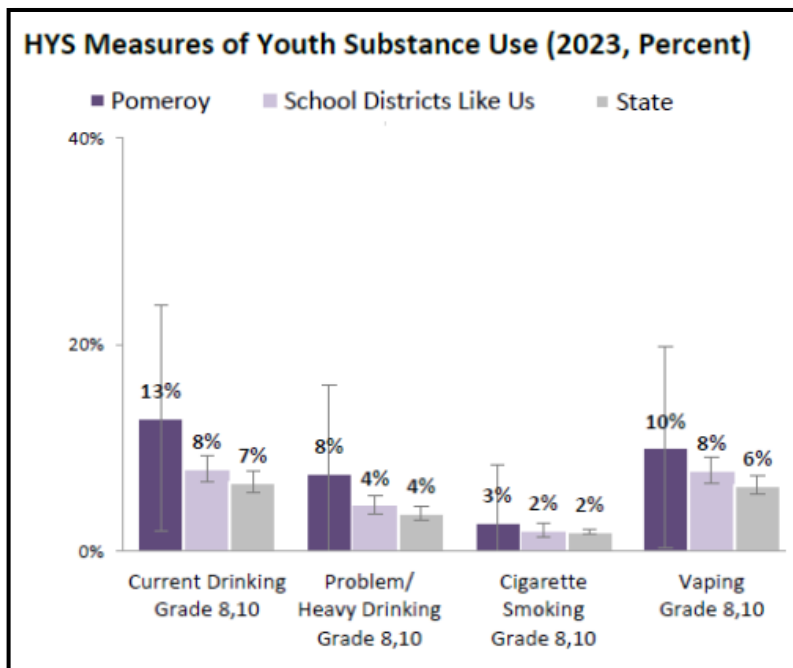
All focus group participants agreed that favorable attitudes toward drug use among teens and adults are a major contributing factor. Teens expressed concerns about peer influences, while many parents downplayed the risks of alcohol use. This highlights a disconnect in perceptions between youth and adults.

School Bonding

Our focus groups revealed a resounding need for fun school activities that help students feel connected to their school community. We've made significant progress through the youth coalition, fostering engagement and support. Research shows that students who feel bonded to their school are less likely to use substances, reinforcing the importance of these efforts.

“I could list at least 6 or 7 [teens] who could go in there right now and just be like “hey, could I get one of those [vapes]?” and they would sell it.”

-Youth focus group attendee on retail access

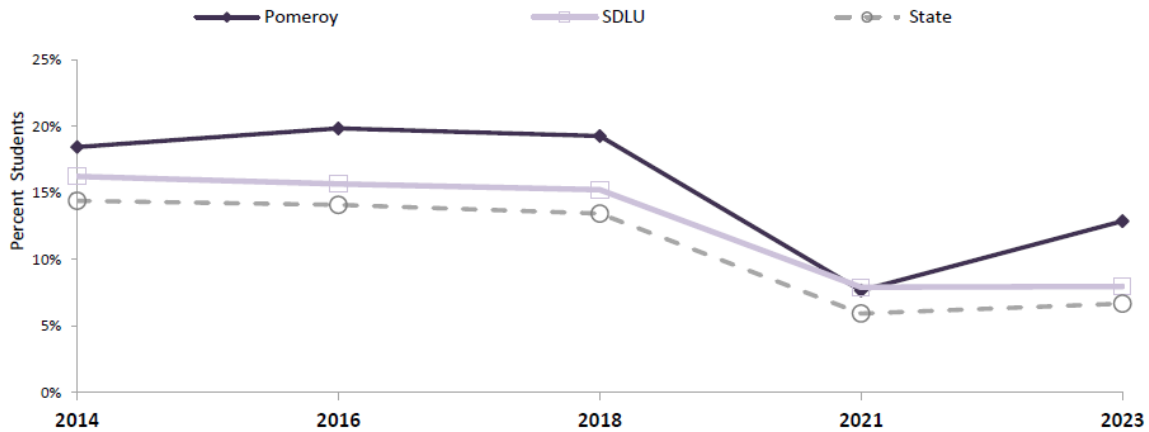


CONSUMPTION | Measure of the number of youth using/consuming alcohol and other substances

HYS Measures of Youth Substance Use

Current Drinking

Grade 8,10



	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
State	14%	14%	13%	6%	7%
SDLU	16%	16%	15%	8%	8%
Pomeroy	18%	20%	19%	8%	13%

During the past 30 days, on how many days did you: Drink a glass, can or bottle of beer? (Results: Drink any days)

Resource Assessment

Our resource assessment was tasked to our senior project students, who took the last resource assessment from 2019 and updated it for 2025. The students went out into the community to visit our various local resources, talk to stakeholders, ask what organizations offer, research new organizations, get information on organizations that no longer exist, and recorded it in an updated table.

The students said there were challenges in locating specific resources, and they emphasized that the information should be more accessible to our community. Surprises arose during the exploration, particularly regarding the limitations of services provided by certain institutions, such as the police

“So, say you have a friend group of 10 people, one person's parents don't care if they do it,then this parent supplies to one kid, then they supply the entire friend group... alcohol, weed, tobacco.”

-Youth focus group attendees on parental attitudes

station, which primarily offered referrals rather than direct services for issues like suicide prevention.

The students were surprised by the variety of community resources available, particularly for a small town. They highlighted our food bank, mental health services, and financial assistance programs like Pomeroy Assist. The students said that the resource landscape made them feel reassured about community support, but reiterated an interest in understanding gaps in existing services.

When we asked the students in the resource assessment debrief what could be done about preventing youth substance use with the existing resources in our community, they said that an increase in drug-free activities and educational programs for both youth and parents would be the top priority. This was very similar to what our other focus groups have stated.

The students understood the complexities of addressing family influences, stating that many kids' parents did not have drug prevention education when they were in school. The youth emphasized the importance of educating parents about the risks and impacts of drug use. They advocated for leveraging existing community events, such as sports orientations or school activities, to reach parents with effective messaging about substance use.

Resource Assessment

Organization	Prevention	Intervention	Treatment	Referral to Treatment	Mental Health	Evidence Based Practices	Resources & Services for Youth	Resources & Services for Parents	Resource for low-income
4-H/ WSU County Extension	X			X	X		X	X	
Aging & Disability Resource Center		X		X			X	X	X
Community Sexual Assault Program (QBH)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)							X		
FCCLA (Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America)							X		
FFA (Future Farmers of America)							X		
Garfield County Food Bank							X	X	X
Garfield County Hospital & Clinic	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Garfield County Public Health	X			X		X	X	X	X
Garfield County Sheriff's Office		X		X	X		X	X	X
Girl Scouts							X	X	
Pirate Partners Youth Coalition	X				X		X		
Pomeroy Assist							X	X	X
Pomeroy Booster Club							X	X	X
Pomeroy Christian Church		X					X	X	X
Pomeroy Community Garden									X
Pomeroy Nazarene Church		X		X			X	X	X
Pomeroy Partners for Healthy Families	X			X	X	X	X	X	
Pomeroy Ranger District (US Forrest Service)							X		
Pomeroy School District	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Pomeroy Senior Center/ Meals on Wheels									X
Pomeroy Spinners (Civic Club)							X		X
Pomeroy Youth Football Program							X		X
Quality Behavioral Health	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sole Kids Youth Running Program					X	X	X	X	X
Southeast Washington Alliance for Health (SEWAAH)	X			X		X	X	X	X

Planning

Goals and Objectives

After our assessment, the coalition created the following work plan for the 2025-2027 biennium:

Goal 1: Increase community organization	
Objective: Increase community's capacity to work together to address risk factors	
Strategy: Develop and sustain Pomeroy Partners for Healthy Families coalition	
TIMELINE: Ongoing - July 2025 - June 2027	
PROGRAMS/ ACTIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase awareness of the coalition (social media, tabling events, website) Full coalition meetings monthly, 2nd Tuesday of the month Leadership team meetings monthly Educating our members by providing trainings Getting involved in the community – being involved in the Chamber of Commerce, Pomeroy Assist, Community Heart & Soul program, Southeast Washington Alliance for Health, etc. 	Partners: All Coalition Members, Chamber of Commerce, Heart & Soul, SEWAAH, etc. Who Served: General Population When: Ongoing
EVALUATION: Coalition Assessment Tool	

Goal 2: Make substances less readily available in Pomeroy	
Objective: Decrease youth access to alcohol, marijuana, and vapes through ending illegal retail sales and access from adults or parents	
Strategy: Public Awareness Campaigns and Environmental Strategies	
TARGET GROUP(S): General Population	
TIMELINE: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027	
PROGRAM: Addressing retail access to alcohol and vapes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail scans to address product placement Policy enforcement Retail sales checks Policy signage Decrease youth access to prescription drugs and increase awareness of Rx drug disposal and safety, the coalition will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host Drug Take Back days and, Utilize the Starts with One Campaign 	Partners: Garfield County Public Health, Garfield County Sherriff's Office, Garfield County Hospital District, Who Served: General Population

Goal 3: Change community attitudes – too many people think substance use is OK

Objective: Increase number of people (youth AND adults) who think substance use is wrong

Strategy: Public Awareness Campaigns and education programs

TARGET GROUP(S): Youth and parents

PROGRAM:

To decrease favorable attitudes towards serving alcohol to minors, we will conduct

- Project Sticker Shock

To educate parents about teen substance use we will:

- Utilize public awareness campaigns like billboards and public service announcements
- Guiding Good Choices parent workshop

To educate youth we will conduct:

- Red Ribbon Week
- You Can campaign
- Friends for Life Campaign
- Utilizing Youth Coalition members in peer to peer education
- Life Skills Curriculum in grades 6 -8

Partners: All coalition members, convenience & grocery store owners & employees, LifeSkills facilitator Maureen Scoggin, Guiding Good Choices facilitator Stephanie Yount
Who Served: Teens and parents

Goal 4:

Make sure interventions help and don't harm

Objective: Increase awareness of school policies regarding ATOD use/ possession

Strategy: Environmental: School Policy Review

TARGET GROUP(S): Pomeroy High School

TIMELINE: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027

PROGRAM:

- Working with School Security Officer on vape detectors
- Working with school administration to continue to utilize SAP
- School policy checkup with Cascadia Youth Mental Health (Tammy Dee)

Fund Source: SABG

Lead Organization / Responsible Parties: Pomeroy Partners Coalition

Partners: Pomeroy High School

Who Served: All 7th – 12th grade students

Evaluation: Managing the Family pre/ post test

Goal 5:

Keep kids bonded to and excited about school

Objective: Increase opportunities for youth prosocial involvement and relationships to healthy adults

Strategy: Pirate Partners Youth Coalition

PROGRAM:

- Youth coalition activities like pumpkin carving night, cookie decorating, Fugitive events, paint nights, movie nights, senior safe and sober party, etc.
- Bringing in youth guest speakers as opportunities arise

Partners: Pomeroy Jr. Sr. High School, adult volunteers and coalition members, Pirate Partners Youth Coalition

Who Served: All 7th – 12th grade students



Budget

CPWI

Our coalition began in 2013 when we received the Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative (CPWI) funding. This funding was enough for one staff person, some programs, and some media campaigns. Since then, we have expanded to multiple outside resources that have more than doubled our original funding amount. We started as a CPWI coalition, and the Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative is still our main funding source to this day. CPWI is not a competitive grant, and our contract is automatically renewed annually. Prevention System Managers at Healthcare Authority guide us through the Strategic Prevention Framework and provide technical assistance to help our coalition be successful.

The main focus of CPWI is to implement programs, also known as Evidence-Based Strategies/ Programs (EBPs.) The two EBPs that Pomeroy Partners implements are the LifeSkills program to middle school aged students, and Guiding Good Choices, a program for parents.

CPWI Summary – Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative			
Funding Entity	Project	Purpose	Amount
WA Healthcare Authority (HCA)	Community Prevention & Wellness Initiative (CPWI)	General operating costs, staff salaries, direct service implementation programs (LifeSkills and Guiding Good Choices)	\$150,000

Drug Free Communities (DFC)

The Drug Free Communities (DFC) program is a competitive grant from the federal government for community coalitions addressing youth substance use. Led by our coalition chair Dan Lewis in 2019, the coalition researched the requirements for the DFC grant in 2019, and was able to apply in 2020. The DFC program requires coalitions prove they have a match equivalent to 100% of the total award (\$125,000 per year). Pomeroy Partners documents our match funding through hundreds of volunteer hours from our members, cash funding sources for alike work (described in these tables), in-kind support from our fiscal agent, Quality Behavioral Health, among other resources.

Although the DFC program is a 5-year grant, coalitions are only permitted to have two rounds of funding for a total of 10 years. As of 2025, Congress has passed an expansion to the DFC program that will increase the funding amount by 20% and increase the maximum to 15 years of funding, but as of 2025, it has not been signed into law. Pomeroy Partners is currently in Year 5 of our DFC grant, and is waiting to hear back on our applications for Years 6 through 10.

DFC Summary –Drug Free Communities			
Funding Entity	Project	Purpose	Amount
CDC/ Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)	Drug Free Communities (DFC)	General operating costs, staff salaries, youth coalition activities & contracted youth advisors	\$125,000

Youth Cannabis & Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program (YCCTPP)

The Youth Cannabis and Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program (YCCTPP) is an initiative from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) that aims to prevent use of marijuana, tobacco, and nicotine among youth. The Benton Franklin Health District (BFHD) serves as the lead organization for the Greater Columbia Region’s YCCTPP, in which Pomeroy Partners for Healthy Families receives funds as a subcontractor.

YCCTPP is a unique funding source because it is our only funding source that involves collaboration with our entire region, from Yakima, to Whitman County, from Whitman County to Clarkston. Although our direct funding amount from YCCTPP is small, we benefit from shared regional funds that are pooled to provide for multiple projects. Two of these projects that we do not receive direct funding for but are covered by YCCTPP, is a consultant for technical assistance for school drug policies and best practices for early interventions (Tammy Dee, Cascadia Youth Mental Health), and an annual regional youth summit, that Pomeroy Partners staff are on the planning committee for.

YCCTPP Summary – Youth Cannabis & Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program			
Entity	Project	Purpose	Amount
Benton Franklin Health District (BFHD)	Youth Cannabis & Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program (YCCTPP)	Staff time & mileage for meetings, technical assistance for school policy and Student Assistance Professional, & regional youth conference	\$4,000 - \$8,000

Opioid Campaign (OC)

In October of 2024, the coalition was approached by our local public health department to apply for fast-track funds for opioid prevention from WA Department of Health (DOH). The purpose of this funding is to utilize the Friends for Life Campaign from DOH to educate the public on opioid prevention and opioid overdose. This funding is very short term, and ends in June 2025.

Opioid Campaign Summary			
Entity	Project	Purpose	Amount
Garfield County Public Health (GCPH)	Opioid Campaign (OC)	Funding for public awareness campaigns to prevention opioid use and overdose	\$50,000

Blue Mountain Foundation

In fall 2024, the coalition applied for a grant from the Blue Mountain Foundation in Walla Walla for the purpose of general operating costs. Since this funding is unrestricted, we use this funding mainly for our youth coalition, where we are able to provide gift cards for prizes, food at youth coalition events, and other supports that are not allowed by any other funding source. This funding is also short term and expires in November 2025.

Blue Mountain Community Foundation - Summary			
Entity	Project	Purpose	Amount
Blue Mountain Community Foundation	Discretionary Grant	Unrestricted funds for fun extras like food and gift cards	\$18,000

Appendix A

List of Coalition Members and Sectors Represented

Name	Sector	Title/ Role
Theresa Doyle	Community Member	<i>Community Member</i>
Aimee Christopherson	Faith Community	<i>Nazarene Church</i>
Amy Van Vogt	Faith Community	<i>Christian Church</i>
Stan Christopherson	Faith Community	<i>Nazarene Church</i>
John Hirsch	Government Agency - Elected Official	<i>Elected Official, Pomeroy City Council</i>
Chelsey Eaton	Government Agency - Public Health	<i>Garfield County Public Health</i>
Laura Dixon	Government Agency - Public Health	<i>Garfield Co. Public Health, Parent</i>
Martha Lanman	Government Agency - Public Health	<i>Southeast WA Alliance for Health</i>
Stephanie Newberg	Healthcare	<i>Garfield Co Hospital District</i>
Carly Akin	Healthcare	<i>Hospital Social Worker</i>
Drew Hyer	Law Enforcement	<i>Garfield County Sheriff</i>
Rachel Herres	Parents	<i>Senior Parent</i>
Jayci Field	Parents	<i>Senior Parent</i>
Stephanie Miller	Parents	<i>High School Parent</i>
Jessica Wolf	School	<i>Youth Coalition Advisor & Teacher</i>
Wendy Snyder	School	<i>Youth Coalition Advisor & Parapro</i>
Rachel Gwinn	School	<i>Superintendent, Pomeroy School District</i>
Tayn Kendrick	School	<i>High School Principal</i>
Jim Nelson	School	<i>SRO, County Commissioner</i>
Caden Massey	SUD, Mental Health, & Prevention	<i>Clarkston EPIC Coordinator</i>
Danika Gwinn	SUD, Mental Health, & Prevention	<i>Clinical Director, QBH</i>
Erica Hauschulz	SUD, Mental Health, & Prevention	<i>SUDP, QBH</i>
Ben Keller	Volunteer Organizations	<i>Pomeroy Spinners Club</i>
Maggie Warren	Volunteer Organizations	<i>Pomeroy Assist</i>
Lauren Price	Youth Serving Organizations	<i>Student Assistance Professional</i>
Nolan Glueckert	Youth Serving Organizations	<i>Innovia, Launch NW Scholarship</i>
Maureen Scoggin	Youth Serving Organizations	<i>Catalyst Youth Group, LifeSkills Facilitator</i>
Stephanie Yount	Youth Serving Organizations	<i>Catalyst Youth Group, Case Manager, QBH</i>
Atalya Mitchell	Youth	<i>Youth Coalition Leader, Pirate Partners</i>
Caroline McKeirnan	Youth	<i>Youth Coalition Leader, Pirate Partners</i>
Ismael Arteaga	Youth	<i>Youth Coalition Leader, Pirate Partners</i>
Jonas Blachly	Youth	<i>Youth Coalition Leader, Pirate Partners</i>
Melinda Tuck	Youth	<i>Youth Coalition Leader, Pirate Partners</i>
Sophia Phelps	Youth	<i>Youth Coalition Leader, Pirate Partners</i>
Shelly Slaybaugh	Media	<i>Community Facebook Page Admin</i>

Appendix B

Logic Model

