

Coalition Name: Greenview Drug Task Force

Mission Statement: To create a safe, healthy and drug-free environment in which families and youth thrive.

How or why your coalition started and when:

The Greenview Drug Task Force was created in February 2001 following a series of underage drinking-related crashes in which six local high school students were killed.

Coalition accomplishments

In Sept. 2006, the Greenview City Council passed an ordinance fining parents of youth caught in underage drinking activities and requiring the parents and youth to pay for and attend alcohol awareness training classes.

Current trends—what is happening now regarding substance abuse in the community

There are cross-sectional efforts underway to ensure a safe prom/graduation season. Local police are working with school administrators and teachers to decrease underage drinking. The business community is pitching in by sponsoring prizes for a drug- and alcohol-free after-prom lock in. The faith community is participating by donating the local youth center for the after-prom event.

Current priorities—current goals or actions related to the current trends you have described in the community

The community is coming together to refurbish an abandoned playground where underage drinking parties occur. The lot will be better lit and police will patrol the area more frequently, especially on weekends and during the summer months.

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NOTE: Incorporating local data can be very helpful in describing coalition accomplishments or current trends. Some local data may be archived on line by county through your state website, such as minor in possession and DUI rates. Local school systems have school survey data regarding substance use in various grade levels. For additional information on data collection, you can access CADCA's Evaluation Primer on line at <http://www.coalitioninstitute.org/Evaluation-Research/EvaluationPrimer-2005.pdf>.

If you are interested in calculating costs for alcohol or other drug use there are two Web sites you may be interested in. They are <http://www.alcoholcostcalculator.org/> and <http://66.208.49.16/udetc/underagedrinkingcosts.asp>. The former provides a way of calculating the costs of alcohol use to business. The latter provides a pre-calculated cost fact sheet for each state, and reports the underage drinking costs for six different youth problems.