# SHERBURNE COUNTY

## SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION COALITION

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THE SHERBURNE COUNTY SUBSTANCE
USE PREVENTION COALITION EXISTS
TO PREVENT SUBSTANCE USE AMONG
OUR YOUTH BY PROMOTING SAFE AND
HEALTHY CHOICES AMONG ALL
COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

## **OUR GOAL:**

TO FIND WAYS TO ENCOURAGE OUR YOUTH TO ABSTAIN FROM DRUG USE, IN ORDER TO PREVENT OUR FUTURE ADULT POPULATION FROM THE DESTRUCTIVE PATTERNS OF DRUG ABUSE.

## **OUR VALUES:**

TO PROVIDE ACCURATE AND EFFECTIVE MATERIALS TO OUR COMMUNITY THAT AIDS THEM IN CHOOSING A HEALTHY LIFE STYLE.



Sherburne County is pleased to share with the community our Coalition for Substance Use Prevention.

WE ARE HERE FOR PARENTS,
YOUTH AND THE COMMUNITY TO
AID IN EDUCATION AND
PREVENTION REGARDING
SUBSTANCE USE.





## **OUR BEGINNINGS:**

SHERBURNE COUNTY HAS HAD VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS,
ORGANIZATIONS, AND BUSINESSES
THAT HAVE WORKED TOGETHER FOR YEARS IN NUMEROUS CAPACITIES,
INCLUDING SUBSTANCE USE
PREVENTION. OUR COALITION, WHICH BEGAN IN 2012, CONTINUES AND ENERGIZES THAT SPIRIT OF COOPERATION REGARDING PREVENTION OF SUBSTANCE USE.
PLEASE READ ON TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN BE INCLUDED IN THIS EFFORT.







### **COALITION BOARD**

WHO IS INVOLVED



We are an organization that encourages all areas of our community to be involved with our mission.

We are comprised of not only government and business, but youth and parents as well.

Currently we have representatives from many areas including:

- ❖ SERBURNE COUNTY SCHOOLS
  - CLEAR LAKE LIONS CLUB
  - **❖** SHERBURNE WEST TRIBUNE
  - ELK RIVER STAR NEWS
  - \* THE WHY CHURCH
  - ❖ SHERIFF'S OFFICE
  - ❖ ELK RIVER YMCA
  - ❖ COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
  - STUDENT YOUTH COUNCIL
  - ❖ MN PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER
  - SHERBURNE COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES......

We are always welcome to new members! Please contact our director if you are interested in joining.



## WHY WE ARE HERE

OUR NEED IN THE COMMUNITY

Collaborative community-wide efforts are essential in creating positive supportive and nurturing environments that will discourage alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) use. There is increasing recognition that ATOD use and other social problems like teen pregnancy, child abuse, delinquency, school failure, youth suicide and violence share common roots that lie in the community. Responsibility for addressing these problems therefore falls on the community as a whole and the institutions within these communities identified in the wheel to the left.

In our county, on average, in a typical month 78% of our High School students do not drink alcohol!

This is an amazing number to have but we are here to increase that to 100%.

Our objectives are to decrease use amongst our youth in the following categories:

\*Tobacco \*Amphetamines

\*Marijuana \*Prescription Medications

\*Heroin \*Alcohol



### WHAT OUR PLAN IS

**OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES** 



There are many obstacles that the individuals and families affected by substance abuse have to face.

We recognize that there will be many hurdles to cross but are confident we can jump over them together as a community.

These are a few of the positive influences we are currently working on:

- Developing a stronger tie to our youth by implementing a County wide Youth Leadership Council.
- Social Host Ordinances in all city's within our County borders.
- E-Cigarette Educational Campaign in our High Schools
- Connecting with our parent demographic by holding meet and greets in schools.
- ❖ Alcohol Sticker Shock campaign...... and many more. If you have thoughts or feedback

on any of the above, please feel free to contact us.