



Seminole Prevention Coalition
Strengthening Seminole County's Future

Fact Sheet

Who we are:

The Seminole Prevention Coalition makes connections for the prevention of substance abuse among Seminole County youth. By uniting community service agencies, non-profits, government and the business community, Seminole Prevention Coalition strengthens families.

Mission Statement

To strengthen Seminole County youth and families through the promotion of effective community coordination and collaboration.

Vision Statement

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Who are our coalition members?

Members of Seminole Prevention Coalition include representatives of the following agencies or organizations: Seminole County Public Schools, Seminole County Parent Teacher Association, Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Seminole Drug Free Schools, Department of Juvenile Justice, Seminole County Health Department, Department of Children and Families, Seminole County Government, State Attorney's Office, Seminole County Community Services, Seminole County Mental Health Center, The Center for Drug Free Living, The Grove Counseling Center, MADD of Central Florida, Informed Families/The Florida Family Partnership, Kids House of Seminole, Midway Safe Harbor, Crimeline and Boys and Girls Club.

Membership in the Seminole Prevention Coalition is open to agencies, organizations or individuals interested in the prevention of substance abuse by Seminole County youth.

History

Seminole County has a long history of working as a coalition to address the issue of substance abuse. Beginning in 1987, when the first Federal Safe and Drug Free Schools funding was instituted, Seminole Chemical Awareness Network (SCAN), was established. SCAN organized and sponsored Drug Summit I and Drug Summit II in the late 80s and early 90s. The coalition functioned well during the grant period, but was not sustained once funding was not available. The coalition as rejuvenated with the Tobacco

Partnership funds through the State Tobacco Industry settlement, but all coalition members have been volunteers with no paid staff. The coalition applied for the State Strategic Prevention Framework in 2005-2006 and received this grant for 2006-2007 when it became the Seminole Prevention Coalition (SPC). SPC had a second year of funding and re-applied and received the grant for a third year, 2008-2009.

Accomplishments

2007

Developed a data-based community needs assessment
Developed a resource assessment to compliment the needs assessment

2008

Began the process of developing a Comprehensive Strategic Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Plan
Launched the SPC Website and coalition membership recruitment campaign
Held the first Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking

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