



More than Two Decades of Community Support

What began as the Seminole Chemical Awareness Network in 1987 has evolved through efforts such as Orlando Fights Back and Seminole Hope. Today the agencies and organizations that have been a part of the community improvement effort over two decades have joined as a county-wide coalition known as Seminole Prevention Coalition.

By uniting as the Seminole Prevention Coalition, we combine resources, improve efficiency, expand our reach and realize a more immediate, long-lasting and positive impact on the health, safety and vitality of our community.



Mission Statement

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

Join Us!

Membership in the Seminole Prevention Coalition is free. If you are a member of a non-profit, health, government, education or law enforcement organization, we welcome you! If you are an interested parent, youth or citizen of Seminole County, we welcome you! To join, simply log on to www.seminolepreventioncoalition.org and click on the membership application link or call (407) 212-8040.

The coalition meets monthly ...

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Seminole Prevention Coalition

Strengthening Seminole
County's Future



**Seminole Prevention Coalition is leading
Seminole County to a brighter future!**

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.



Members of the Seminole Prevention Coalition represent all sectors of the health and human services community in Seminole County along with law enforcement, education, government, local business and the civic associations.

Seminole Prevention Coalition focuses its combined efforts on positively affecting community risk factors. Our focus includes:

- ✓ Reducing underage drinking
- ✓ Keeping kids away from tobacco and drugs
- ✓ Shrinking delinquency rates
- ✓ Preventing abuse in the home
- ✓ Turning youth away from violence
- ✓ Expanding after-school resources
- ✓ Encouraging family bonds and open communication

Ongoing Initiatives

Strategic Prevention Framework – Substance Abuse Response Guide

In 2007, the Seminole Prevention Coalition completed a community needs assessment. What is a needs assessment and why is it important?



Basically, a needs assessment combines a broad spectrum of existing data with opinion surveys, a review of public policy and other important research to develop a realistic picture of how Seminole County is faring in terms of substance use and abuse by youth. The needs assessment will be used to develop a strategic plan to address the problems affecting our youth, families and community. It will also provide a road map as we engage all stakeholders in coming together to make Seminole County a healthier, safer place for youth and families.

The needs assessment process will culminate with community forums in 2008.

Campaign to Reduce Underage Drinking

The average age of an adolescent's first drink is 12 and nearly 20% of 12-20 year-olds are considered binge drinkers.



Alcohol use threatens the safe and healthy development of more young people than any other substance – even more than tobacco and drugs.

The Underage Drinking Prevention Campaign utilizes grassroots efforts, youth-led initiatives, community events, education and information sharing, law enforcement operations, local policy procedures and special events such as town hall meetings to attack this problem from all areas. The goal is to empower the community to come together and implement strategies to reduce underage drinking.

