

COLUMBIA COUNTY

2005 - 2006

Community Mobilization Contact

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Overview

The Columbia County Substance Abuse Coalition promotes collaborative efforts to prevent and reduce substance abuse and violence. During 2005 -2006, services were provided through a summer youth program, community presentations, and alcohol and tobacco retailer training.

Community Partners/Service Providers

- Dayton School District
- Columbia County Sheriff's Office
- Tobacco Coalition/Public Health District
- Columbia County Community Network
- Blue Mountain Counseling
- Washington State Liquor Control Agent
- Starbuck School District
- Juvenile Justice Services
- Meth Action Team

Program Outcomes

- ◆ Children participating in the **Summer Youth Program** showed improvement in their social skills. Eighty percent of parents surveyed felt their child's ability to work as a team member increased.
- ◆ **Alcohol and tobacco retailers** who attended training reported increased knowledge of laws regarding sales of alcohol and tobacco to underage youth.

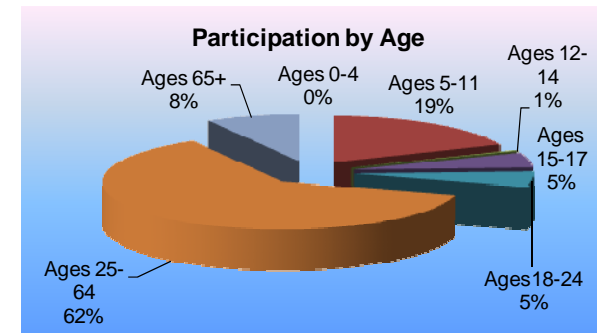
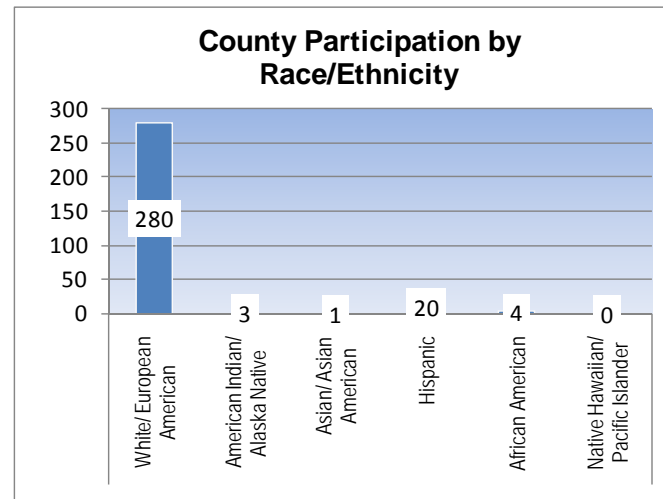
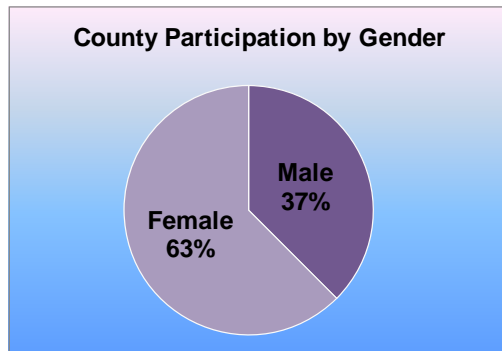


Program Highlights

- ◆ Parent of a **Summer Youth Program** participant: "My child gets along better with friends."
- ◆ The **Summer Youth Program** served 26 youth aged 5 - 10, and employed seven young adults.
- ◆ **Summer Youth Program** participants performed skits from the **Character Counts** curriculum to illustrate responsibility, fairness, and trustworthiness for an audience of parents and friends.
- ◆ Twelve sixth-grade students participated in the **Keep A Clear Mind Program**.





Number of People Served	
• Prevention Programs	288
Prevention Program Sessions	81
Hours Spent in Community Organizing	99
Direct Service Hours	75
Leveraging	
• In-Kind Support (value)	\$7,036
• Volunteer Hours	164

Participant Demographics



Program Information

Program Name

-  Alcohol, Tobacco, and Retailer Training
-  Summer Youth Program—Character Counts
-  Keep A Clear Mind
-  Methamphetamine Presentations

Risk/Protective Factors

- Availability of Drugs
- Early Initiation of Problem Behavior; Bonding to Pro-Social Adults (including skills, opportunities & recognition)
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- Availability of Drugs

Meth Action Team

Columbia County Meth Action Team members and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office conducted two meth awareness presentations to community members. Topics discussed included the dangers of methamphetamine and how to identify dump sites.