

KING COUNTY

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Community Mobilization Contact

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Overview

The King County Community Organizing Program has been implementing an evidence-based proven approach to prevention since 1989. Community Mobilization (CTC: The Communities That Care® Model program) involves citizens of King County in substance abuse and violence prevention. Since 1989 we have worked with more than 500 community coalitions to create safe and healthy young people, families, and communities.

Community Partners/Service Providers

- King County Sheriff's Office
- King County Public Health: Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention
- King County Mental Health Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services
- Community Health and Safety Networks
- School Districts
- Puget Sound ESD
- United Way
- Youth Service Agencies
- Youth Leadership Coalitions

Program Outcomes King County

- ♦ **East – Guiding Good Choices Parenting Education Group:** Out of 96 adults and youth attending, 100 percent answered they knew more about drugs, alcohol, and violence and how to solve problems in their families. One parent said, "Good information regarding actual drug influence in our community."
- ♦ **North – Teens R' Talkin':** 73 percent of the parents indicated that because of this program, they have more knowledge to help their family deal with issues of drugs, alcohol, and violence. A parent also said, "I now know there is a lot we can do as parents to look for warning signs and to have discussions with our teens."
- ♦ **South – Somali Support Group:** All of the 67 youth surveyed indicated that due to this activity, they now see their community as a resource to help them prevent substance abuse and violence. One youth responded, "If you do drugs you become homeless and go to jail."



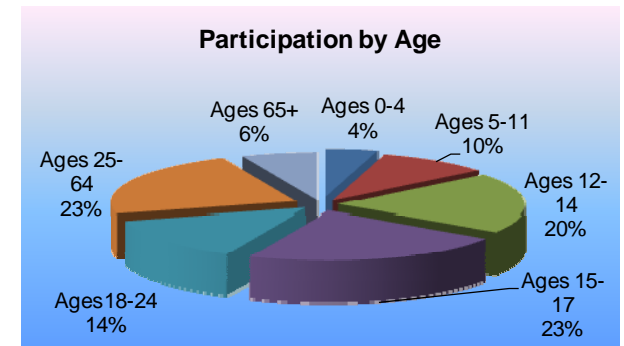
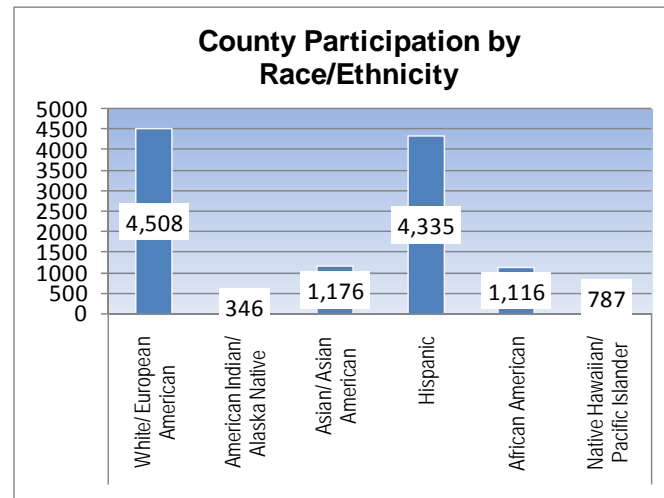
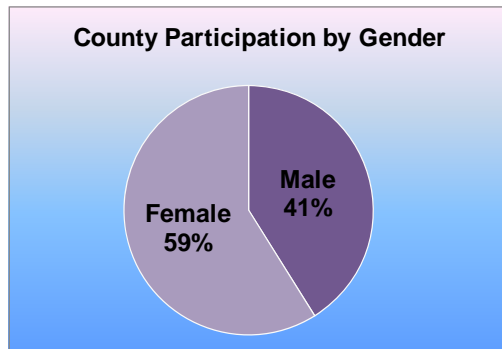
Program Highlights

- ♦ Of the 70 **community coalitions** our Community Organizers worked with to develop prevention strategies involving 23,857 citizens, 84 percent of the citizens reported an increased problem solving capability and an increased ability to handle drug- and alcohol-related problems.

Number of People Served

• Prevention Programs	7,933
• Large Community Events	15,937
Prevention Program Sessions	3,604
Hours Spent in Community Organizing	12,640
Direct Service Hours	8,887
Leveraging	
• In-Kind Support (value)	\$215,000
• Volunteer Hours	3,105

Participant Demographics



Program Information

Program Name

- 🏆 Communities That Care
- 🏆 Guiding Good Choices
- 🏆 Teens R' Talkin'
- 😊 Somali Support Group

Risk/Protective Factors

- Low Neighborhood Attachment
- Family Management Problems; Family Conflict
- Low Neighborhood Attachment
- Friends Who Use; Early Initiation of the Problem Behavior

Meth Action Team

The King County Meth Action Team had over 65 participating agencies including law enforcement, prevention, treatment, school counselors, the National Guard, the Mexican Consulate, the postal service, and representatives from Safeway and 7-11 stores. We implemented a Drug Endangered Children Protocol and trained 14 local law enforcement agencies in the use of the protocol. We prepared backpacks for the children found at meth lab sites. The number of meth labs in King County declined 30 percent from the 2002-2005 program years.