

# KITTITAS COUNTY

2005 - 2006

## Community Mobilization Contact

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## Overview

The Kittitas County Community Mobilization Board identifies and assesses the needs of children, youth, and families in an ongoing process and maintains a plan to address those needs. During 2005-2006, the Community Mobilization Board worked toward providing services to prevent substance abuse and violence by addressing the following risk factors: Community—Availability of Drugs and Healthy Beliefs and Clear Standards; Family—Family Management Problems; and Peer—Favorable Attitudes Toward the Problem Behavior.

## Community Partners/Service Providers

- Youth
- Law enforcement agencies (cities of Kittitas; Ellensburg; Cle Elum/Roslyn/South Cle Elum; Kittitas County Sheriff; Washington State Patrol; Central Washington University Police Department)
- Kittitas County Health Department
- Kittitas County Public Works
- Kittitas Valley Community Hospital
- Campus-Community Coalition
- Community Members and Retailers
- Kittitas County Juvenile Probation
- Kittitas County School Districts

## Program Outcomes

- ◆ The **DUI Task Force** has shown a 40 percent increase in law enforcement agencies regularly participating in DUI emphasis campaigns since 2003, bringing the participation by agencies to 100 percent. This is an effort to educate the public and enforce driving violations for alcohol or drug impairment.
- ◆ With increased public education and enforcement, the number of **DUI arrests** in the county has decreased by 18 percent with the average DUI arrests per month down from 52 to 43.

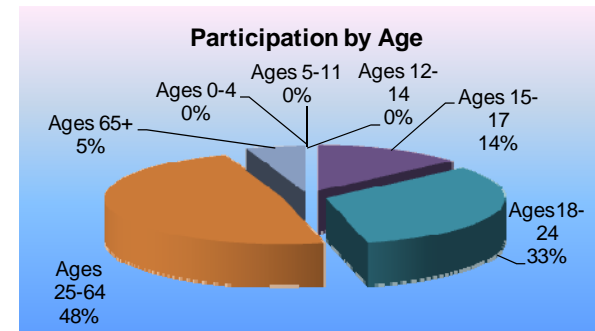
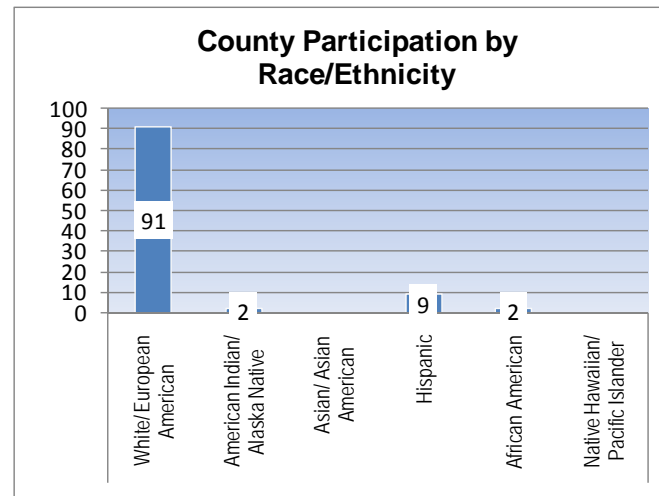
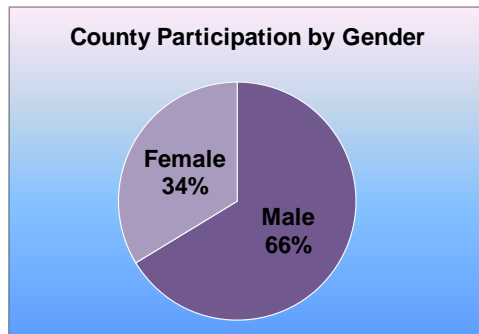


## Program Highlights

- ◆ More than 60 community members attended the second annual **Meth Forum** in Upper Kittitas County and over 1,220 students and adults participated in Attorney General-led assemblies at three schools; and on-going support and community discussions took place to assist the community as they addressed this issue.
- ◆ The Kittitas County Community Mobilization/Community Network/Traffic Safety Program was awarded an **Enforcing Under-age Drinking Laws** grant beginning in October 2005. This grant is being used to implement a multi-agency approach toward addressing underage and high-risk drinking.

Number of People Served	
• Prevention Programs	95
• Large Community Events	8,797
Prevention Program Sessions	189
Hours Spent in Community Organizing	1,107
Direct Service Hours	675
Leveraging	
• In-Kind Support (value)	\$146,430
• Volunteer Hours	2,065

## Participant Demographics



## Program Information

### Program Name

- Communities That Care
- DUI Emphasis Patrols
- Campus and Community Coalition to reduce underage and high-risk drinking

### Risk/Protective Factors

- Availability of Drugs
- Organizing Activities; Availability of Drugs; Involvement in the Problem Behavior
- Community Laws and Norms

## Meth Action Team

The Kittitas County Methamphetamine Action Team surveyed all county schools in an effort to gain information about prevention programs in the public schools. The Meth Action Team held one community forum and three school assemblies to increase awareness of how widespread and devastating the distribution and use of meth is in both Upper and Lower Kittitas County communities.