

Klickitat County

2005 - 2006

Community Mobilization Contact

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Overview

Mission Statement: The Klickitat County Community Mobilization Board will increase countywide awareness of the prevalence of violence and substance abuse and its effects on children, adolescents, individuals, families, and communities; will identify related needs, and will develop programs to meet those needs; will foster increased support and financial assistance from county and citizenry; and will collaborate with the Program Coordinator in maximizing prevention activities.

Community Partners/Service Providers

- Comprehensive Mental Health/Dependency Health Services
- Klickitat County Juvenile Probation Department
- Klickitat County Department of Social and Health Services
- Law enforcement (Goldendale and White Salmon Police Departments; Klickitat County Sheriff's Department)
- Mid-Columbia Children's Council
- Klickitat County Adult Probation Services
- Educational Service District 112 and all Klickitat County school districts
- Local churches (including Lyle Celebration Center and Mount Adams Ministerial Association)
- Board of County Commissioners and Prosecuting Attorney
- Programs for Peaceful Living
- Big Brother/Big Sister program

Program Outcomes

- ♦ **Girls Group:** Middle School girls learned tools for dealing with difficult life situations through weekly-facilitated discussion groups. Participant school absenteeism decreased after initiation of the girls' group.
- ♦ **Challenge Day:** The school climate improvement program changed the way hundreds of students and adults perceived each other. One school was prompted to restructure the school day in order to allow more time for student bonding.



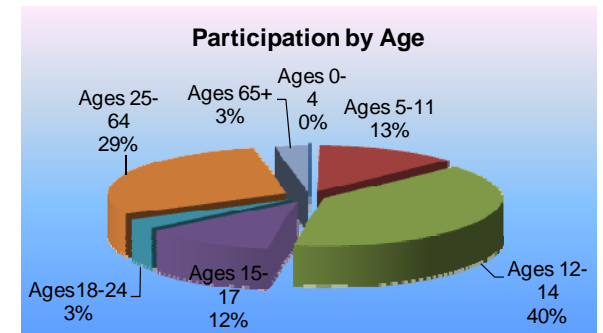
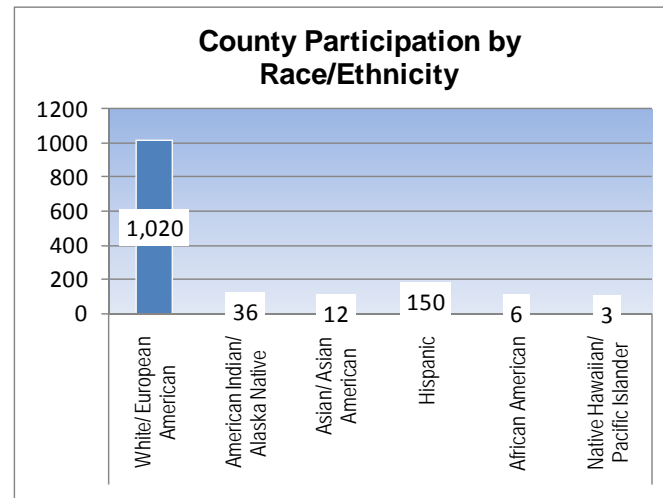
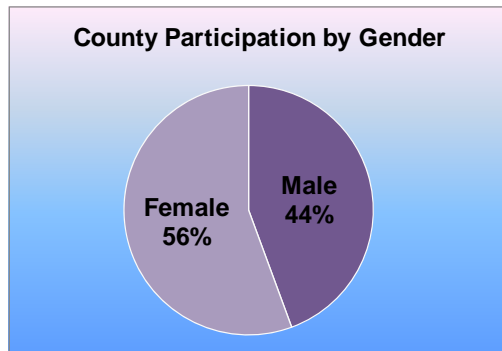
Program Highlights

- ♦ Girls involved in a girls' group learned how to develop relationships and trust. One girl reported that she would have dropped out of school if she wasn't involved in **Girls' Group**.
- ♦ Many teens who participated in **Challenge Day** reported a tremendous increase in empathy for their classmates. One student reported how surprised she was when a tough looking boy cried about how lonely he was. "I've learned never to judge a book by its cover," she said.

Number of People Served

• Prevention Programs	1,077
• Large Community Events	866
Prevention Program Sessions	285
Hours Spent in Community Organizing	1,848
Direct Service Hours	477
Leveraging	
• In-Kind Support (value)	\$7,943
• Volunteer Hours	2,168

Participant Demographics



Program Information

Program Name

- ★ Challenge Day
- 🏠 Communities That Care
- 😊 Girls' Group

Risk/Protective Factors

- Low commitment to school
- Community Laws and Norms
- Low commitment to school

Meth Action Team

During 2005-2006, the Klickitat County Meth Action Team united more than 24 agencies and many community members to educate the community about meth. Many different messages were communicated. A wide variety of message delivery systems were used.