

# Partnerships for Success Program in Washington

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## Overview of the Partnerships for Success (PFS) Program

The Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) grant program is administered by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The SPF-PFS grant program is intended to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance misuse and its related problems while strengthening prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State, tribal, and community levels.

The purpose of the grant program is to address two of the nation's top substance abuse prevention priorities: 1) underage drinking among youth between the ages of 12 and 20; and 2) prescription drug misuse among individuals between the ages of 12 and 25. Grantees may also use grant funds to target an additional, data-driven substance abuse prevention priority (e.g. marijuana, heroin, etc.) in their State/tribe.

PFS is based on the premise that changes at the community level will lead to measurable changes at the State level. Through collaboration, States/tribes and their PFS-funded communities of high need can overcome challenges associated with substance misuse. PFS programs also aim to bring SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) to a national scale, giving grant recipients the chance to acquire more resources to implement the SPF.

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## SPF-PFS in Washington State

### Who is involved in the grant program?

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)/Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery is the recipient of the SPF-PFS in the State.

Agencies that are represented on the State Epidemiological Outcome Workgroup (SEOW) or steering committee to help DSHS with identification of high-need communities, data collection, and reporting activities include: Washington State Department of Health, DSHS' Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, Washington State Traffic Safety Commission, Urban Indian Health Institute, Seattle Indian Health Board, Northwest Indian College, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington School of Public Health, University of Washington Social Development Research Group, University of Washington, Seattle Children's Hospital, Washington State Institute for Public Policy, and the DSHS Research and Data Analysis Division.

### How long is the grant program?

Washington has a Partnerships for Success grant that began in FY 2013 and will end in FY 2018.

### How much funding does Washington receive?

The **PFS award is \$ \$2,207,505 annually**, or \$11,037,525 for the total 5-year grant cycle. The SPF-PFS grant represents 13% of the Division's total prevention budget.

### Focus of Washington's SPF-PFS program:

Washington funds 44 coalitions with its PFS grant, which focus on the prevention of:

- 1) Alcohol (Underage Drinking)
- 2) Marijuana Misuse/Abuse
- 3) Prescription Drug Misuse/Abuse

Populations that are targeted through PFS include: Military, LGBTQ, young adults, youth, and parents of youth.

### Outcomes of SPF-PFS:

Among 10<sup>th</sup> graders in SPF-PFS communities, prevention services have helped significantly reduce alcohol and other drug use from 2010 to 2016, according to the Washington Healthy Youth Survey.

	2010	2016	Percentage change
Alcohol: 30-day use	31.8	22.5	-29%
Alcohol: binge drinking past 2 weeks	19.3	12.3	-36%
Marijuana: 30-day use	23.1	19.4	-16%
Painkillers: 30-day misuse	9.9	4.9	-50%
Perceived availability of drugs	38.0	24.5	-36%
Laws and norms favorable to drug use	38.4	32.7	-15%
Friends use of drugs	33.2	19.6	-41%

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