



Coalition for Healthy & Safe Communities
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The Sussex County Coalition for Healthy and Safe Families was founded by concerned local citizens in 1998 to support healthy youth development and protect against problem behaviors in adolescence by reducing risk factors and enhancing protective factors in children's lives. Over its 12 years of existence, the Coalition has become a well-recognized resource for schools, parents, students, community members and the media looking for information and programs about alcohol and other drugs; including signs, symptoms, effects, and current local and national trends; youth violence; and prevention tools.

In 2011, the Center for Prevention and Counseling (CFPC) was awarded federal funds from the Department of Human Services to develop regional, evidenced-based addiction and substance abuse prevention strategies that target at-risk groups of all ages. Through the work of the Coalition, CFPC will partner with Family Guidance Center of Warren County to serve the entire region of Sussex and Warren. To reflect its new scope, the Coalition has changed its name to the Coalition for Healthy and Safe Communities.

The expanded Coalition's primary location will still be in Newton and an office will also be located in the Family Guidance Center at 492 Route 57 West, Washington, NJ. Monthly Coalition meetings are held at 61 Spring Street, Newton, on the second Friday of the month at 9 am and at Centenary College, Seay Parlor, on the fourth Monday of the month at 3pm.

Our Mission

The mission of this two-county coalition is to create healthy and safe communities that are free from substance abuse, addiction and related issues among people of all ages throughout Sussex and Warren Counties.

Our Goals

The Coalition seeks to do the following:

- Create family and peer groups that are not supportive of underage drinking, abusive drinking, marijuana use, heroin use and abuse of prescription medications;
- Increase the passage and enforcement of policies/laws that support non-use of alcohol by minors, responsible drinking by those over 21 and non-use of illegal substances;
- Create work environments that support healthy lifestyle choices;
- Implement changes within the region's three hospital emergency rooms that empower healthcare workers to address substance use among their patients;
- Enhance campus life at the region's three colleges to focus on healthy lifestyle choices; and
- Create opportunities for youth to become role models and leaders in their communities.

Objectives of Monthly Meetings

Meetings afford a monthly opportunity for members and guests to:

- Learn something new
- Learn about committee work and progress
- Share information about projects or events
- Connect with other community members
- Discuss & develop solutions for community issues
- Request assistance/collaboration to address an issue

Every child deserves a safe place to grow. How can you help?

- Join the Coalition
- Educate children about the dangers of alcohol and other drug use
- Don't permit youth use of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, or other drugs
- Don't supply alcohol or tobacco to underage youth
- Communicate with and welcome communication from other parents regarding your children's activities
- Initiate "alcohol-free" events in your family and community
- Don't allow unsupervised parties in your home or on your property
- Arrange for a responsible adult to monitor your home when you are out of town
- Educate your children on how to use the internet safely and appropriately



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Membership Application (please print)

In applying to become a member of the Coalition for Healthy & Safe Communities,
 I agree to support the mission of the Coalition and play an active role in the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse in Sussex and Warren Counties; network with local partners to share information; use opportunities to participate in Coalition activities; and provide input on Coalition efforts.
 Membership is free.

Application for: (check one) Individual Membership _____ Organizational Membership _____
(For Organizational Membership, please have form completed by the primary representative.)

Please indicate below the level of participation you wish to commit to. (Check one)

General Membership:
 A general member is one who is interested in the Coalition, wants to receive information and will assist with in-kind services and/or outreach if called upon and available. May also attend steering meetings when able and/or join a subcommittee.

Steering Membership:
 A steering committee member is one who is committed to attending a majority of the Coalition's monthly meetings and assist with its efforts as needed. May also participate in a subcommittee.

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Title: _____

Agency or Organization Name: _____

Address: _____ **Suite, apt. etc.:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Daytime phone: _____ **Other phone:** _____

As the majority of the Coalition's updates and reminders are communicated electronically, we request that all active members provide an E-mail address: _____

Please explain below why you are seeking membership on the Coalition and which sector(s) of the community you represent (e.g. youth, parent, faith, school, business, local or state government agency, law enforcement agency, healthcare, other organization addressing substance abuse, family or youth service organization, or media). _____

Please share any special skill, service or area of expertise you or your organization bring to the Coalition.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank you for your interest and support! Please complete this form and return it to:
 Coalition for Healthy & Safe Communities, 61 Spring St., 3rd floor, Newton, NJ 07860
 Call 973-383-4787 or email becky@centerforprevention.org with questions.

Optional: I support the mission of the Coalition for Healthy & Safe Communities.
 Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of \$_____, made payable to CFPC.