

Central MetroWest Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative

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What is CMSAPC?

The Central MetroWest Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative is a coalition of youth-serving organizations, health departments, and community substance abuse prevention coalitions representing 6 communities in the Central MetroWest Region of Massachusetts. Beginning in 2015, this coalition formed in order to identify shared causes of youth substance use across our six communities, as well as to create shared programs and policies that might foster healthy young people.

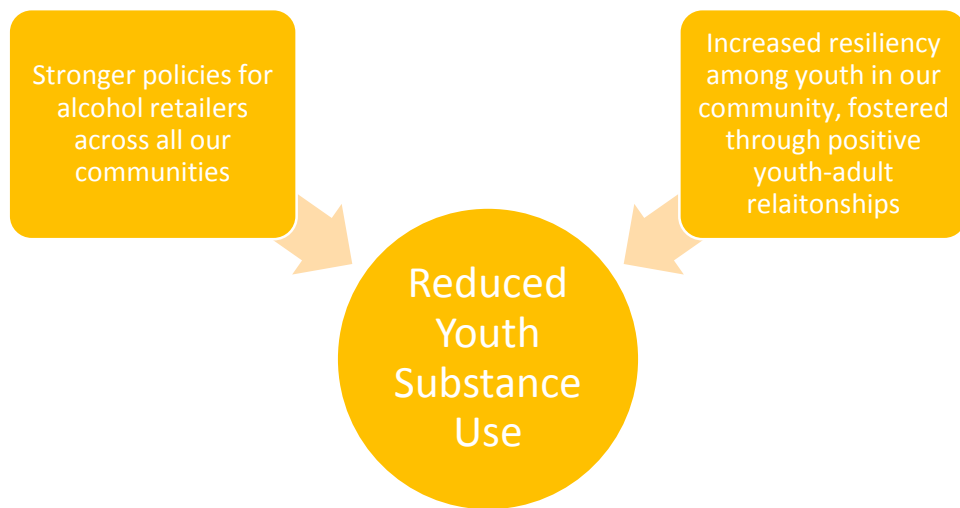
Our Mission

The Central MetroWest Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative is a regional effort serving the communities of Ashland, Framingham, Hudson, Natick, Northborough and Southborough to prevent and reduce underage drinking. We do this using evidence-based strategies to limit youth access to alcohol and strengthen connections with caring adults.

Our Guiding Principles

- Data-Driven and Informed
- Youth-Advised
- Founded in Positive Youth Development (PYD)
- Intelligible to All in our Community
- Culturally Humble
- Engaging for All Adults Who Support PYD
- Reflective of cluster differences

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Prevention Efforts

Based on our strategic planning, the collaborative has identified prevention efforts that focus on connecting youth to caring adults and enhancing local policies and regulations. Our specific projects include:

- Training adults in our communities who work with youth in Positive Youth Development in order to promote youth empowerment and resiliency.
- Identifying opportunities to connect youth with the caring adults who exist in their communities.
- Developing tools for and providing support to efforts to enhance alcohol pouring and retail policies and regulation on the town level.

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