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North Kitsap Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monday, Feb 9, 2026

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

[JOIN the Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 832 1747 2793

Passcode: 139918

Or in-person (address below)

AGENDA

- Welcome and Land Acknowledgment
 - Ice Breaker and Introductions
- Coalition and Community updates
 - Mark your calendars

Old Business

Prevention Reboot – group activity cont.

Prevention Efforts

- Projects and opportunity updates
 - Podcast – The Ripple Effect
 - Prevention Mural – youth engagement project
 - Call to Action

New Business

Closing

- Action Items
- Reminders

Community Comments

Please limit individual comments to 2 minutes. Written comments may also be submitted to the advisory board if this timeframe is insufficient.

Next Meeting Dates: 3/9/26, 4/13/26 and 5/11/26. Future meetings at Kitsap Regional Library 700 NE Lincoln Rd. Poulsbo. Hope you can join us.

<https://www.kitsapgov.com/hs/Pages/PREVENTION-Landing.aspx>

Mission: To create a framework of resources, support and partnerships to combat youth substance abuse in North Kitsap thus providing for a safe and healthy environment for all.





North Kitsap Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Monday – January 12, 2026

Highlights

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New Prevention focused podcast, [The Ripple Effect](#), launches January 22 at
- Bremerton SAP position is open and interviews are being held.
- DVR is currently accepting applications. Applicants will be added to a waitlist to be served at a later date.
- Launching 2026 program implementation(s). Positive Action, Guiding Good Choices
- We will be starting up a new work group focused on fetal alcohol awareness. The first [meeting](#) is 2/4 11-12pm.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS:

- In partnership with our coalitions, the OESD is hosting Hidden in Plain Sight. This will be virtual. Flyer has gone out.
- The Coalition leadership model is changing. The group discussed potential hierarchy models for consideration. During the next Coalition meeting, we will be digging deeper to make decisions on the next steps and to select the best model for our coalition and community needs. ***Members are highly encouraged to attend the February meeting in person.***
- KCSAPYS shared that a Prevention mural is in the works. Updates include having the potential of 2 school sites and 1 at Kitsap Regional Library. Details will be finalized as soon as possible. More to come.
- KCSAPYS shared that they will be hosting a neighborhood garden program in early 2026. Positions have been filled.
- Poulsbo Recovery Café Grand Opening is finally here!

MOVING FORWARD – NEXT STEPS:

- Members discussed engagement ideas; Rage rooms, whole body healing, identifying passions, find out what other communities/partners are doing and seeing if we could help, sporting events, art and offering a way to open dialogue around the Prevention Podcast afterwards.
- The group was asked to think of and share at the next meeting or via email any Podcast episode topic ideas, engagement ideas, leadership restructuring ideas.

EVENTS:

- Hidden in Plain Sight – Mar. 12 (virtual)
- Screenagers – April 21
- Kitsap Youth Forum – Town Hall- March 19, 5:30-7:30pm/ Olympic College
- Kitsap Youth Rally – March 24
- Opioid Response Partnership Meeting – January 29
- Poulsbo Recovery Café grand opening – 1/22/26 4-6pm (19351 8th Street Suite 101 Poulsbo)



Safe Kids

Kickoff!

Kitsap Coalition

Feb. 12, 2026 | 2-3:30 p.m.

Norm Dicks Government Center
345 6th Street, Bremerton



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**Kitsap Public Health District is restarting
a Safe Kids Coalition!** Please join us to:

- **Discuss** current injury prevention work
- **Develop** coalition goals
- **Decide** the next steps for the coalition

We hope you can make it! RSVP online or scan the QR code.



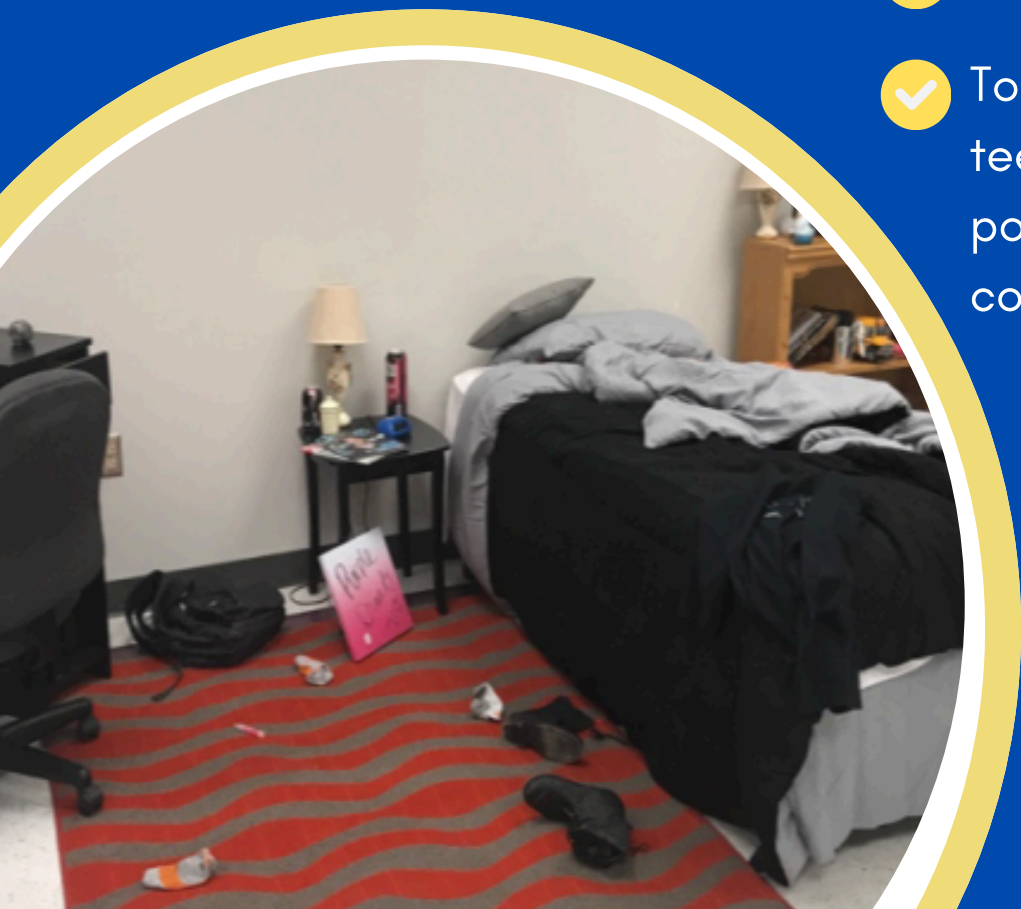
Questions? Email CDP@KitsapPublicHealth.org

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

Join us to learn about current trends, how to recognize common warning signs and how to talk to youth about these important issues.

MUST BE 21+ to attend

Click on link below to join:
[Hidden in Plain Sight](#)



THURSDAY
MARCH 12
VIRTUAL

6-8PM

THE PRESENTATION WILL COVER:

- ✓ Identification and discussion of items and how they may indicate problem or risky behaviors
- ✓ Popular local youth trends
- ✓ Tools to help navigate the teen years and discussion points for family conversations



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Facilitated by: Rebecca Norris- HCA & Caregiver for my father living with Dementia

Location: Unity & Wellness Center

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