


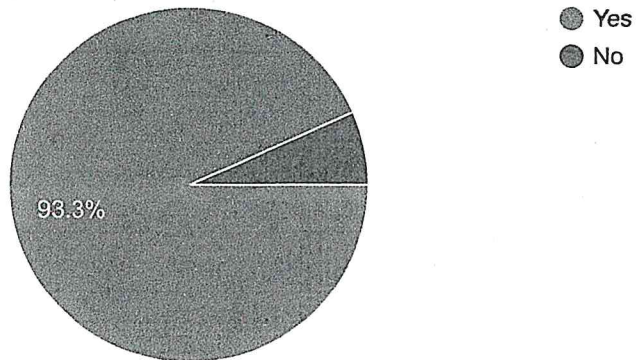
West Milford Municipal Alliance Survey

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Are you a resident of West Milford?

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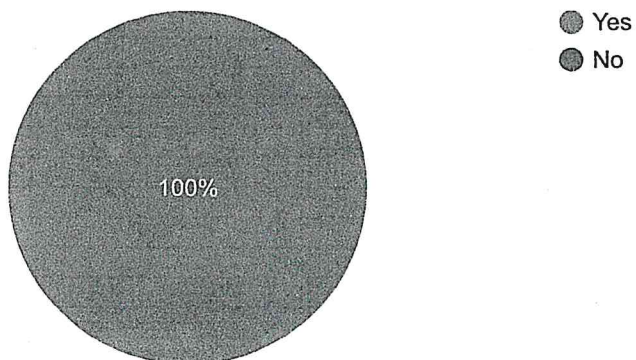
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Are you over the age of 18?

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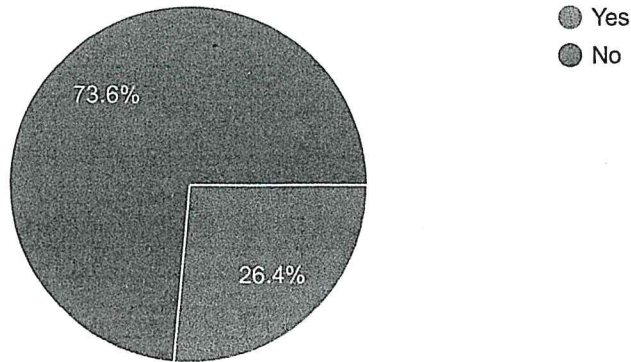
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Are you employed in West Milford?

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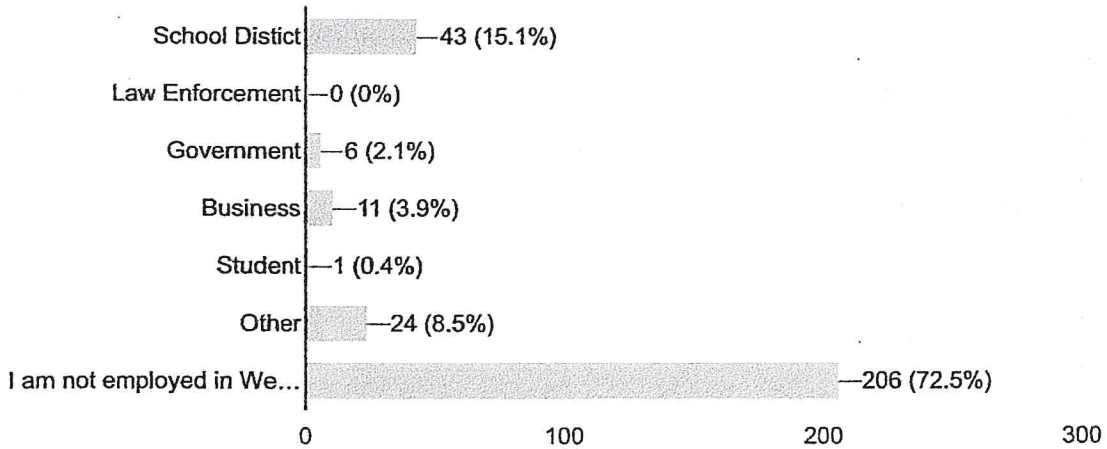
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If you are employed in West Milford, please indicate where:


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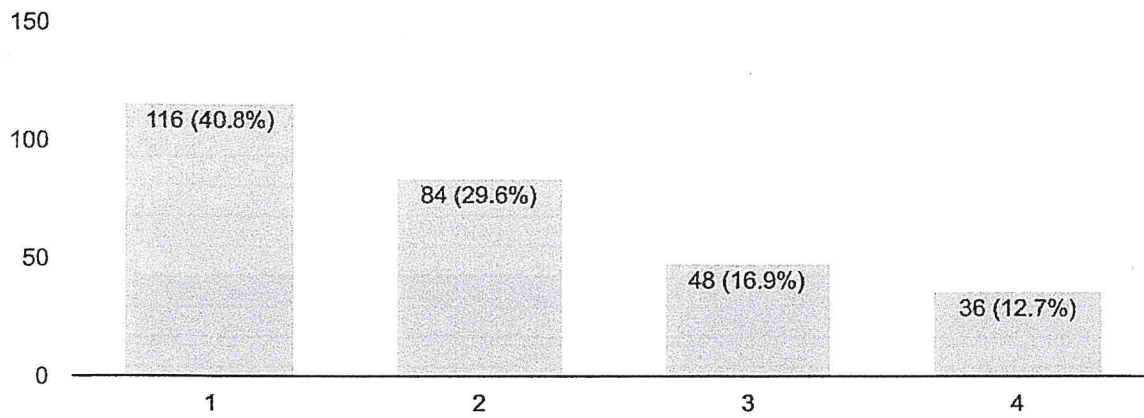


Which of the following opioid settlement projects for West Milford are you interested in supporting with our community settlement funds?

Treatment (increase availability/services/
connections/resources/support)

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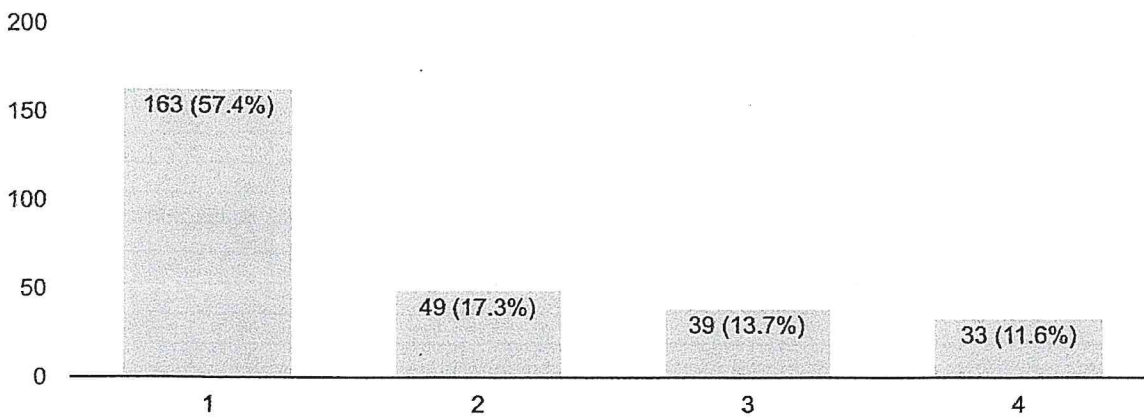
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Prevention (education/training/services through campaigns, prevention
programs/services, organizations)

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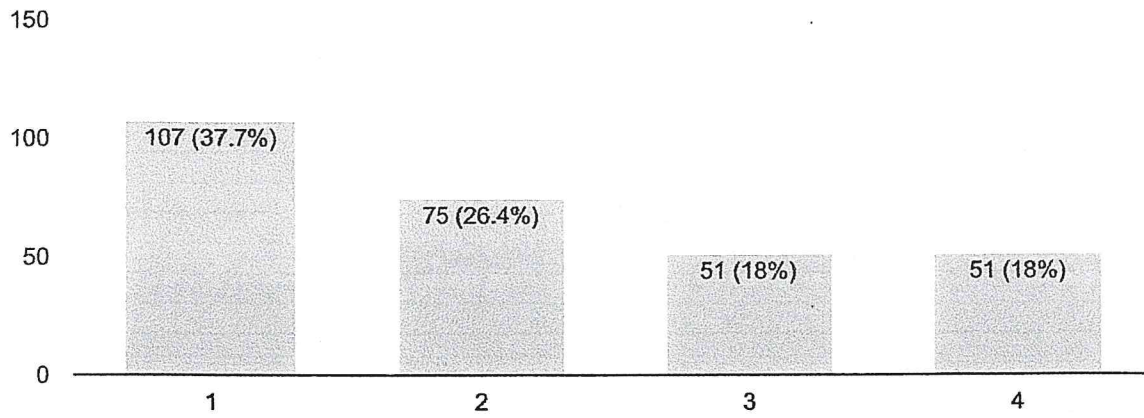
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Services (counseling, peer support, transportation, housing, wrap around services)

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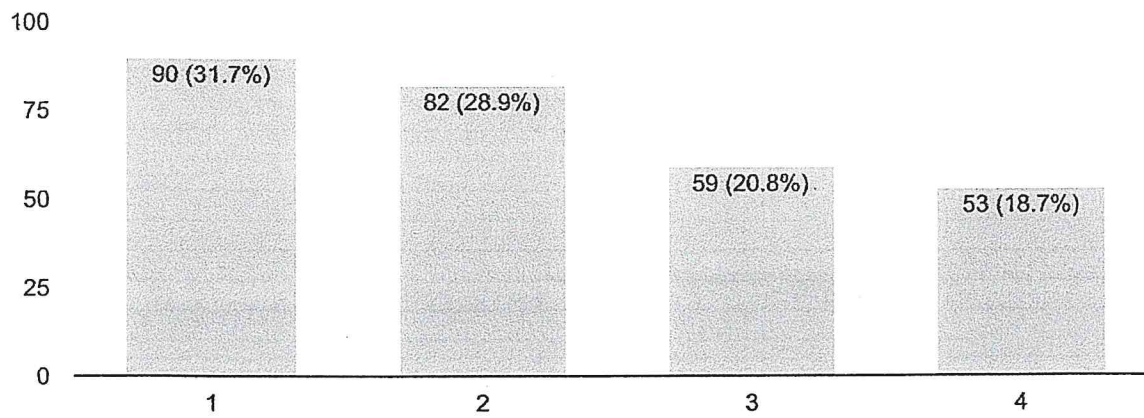
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Training, services, materials & support for law enforcement/first responders

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All of the towns in Upper Passaic County need to come together and communicate what resources we need and unify.

children and teen programs

Prevention, specifically in the schools. Awareness spreading. Whatever law enforcement and other first responders need.

more funding to educate and support those dealing with substance misuse

Something to help parent see and understand warning signs before addiction.

Maybe a presentation from addicts both active and recovered in schools for kids to see and hear first hand.

Support for those without insurance coverage to seek treatment

Transform unused spaces as community wellness hub dedicated to those that were lost to opioid addiction. Include resources and art installation to those in recovery. A healing garden can also be implemented to grow food, learn a new skill and connect with the community. One other idea is outdoor hiking adventure program for those in recovery but also open to the community. Whatever is done should support small business and not use outside large resources brought in which will take away from the small town community.

N/A

speakers to talk at a public meeting noting lifetime experiences with drugs

A focus on youth and adolescents' community based programs including mental health, empowerment, and team development that is year round.

Senior citizen programs

Free local bus transportation for the senior community, e.g. Shop Rite plaza, pharmacies, etc.

Alcohol abuse resources

It would be nice to know that a facility is being effective for those in need.

Opioid response crisis team possibly WM/Wanaque/Ringwood combined to respond to overdoses. Training to be provided by respective towns/police departments.

Support for families

I would like to see more involvement and develop a partnership with NJ4S within our schools and community.

training, services, materials & support for law enforcement/first responders

Stronger enforcement of current laws; stronger prosecution of law breakers

Drug use prevention and education at early age, and aggressive law enforcement vs. drug pushers.

One on one counselling

NA

Long term treatment and counseling

NA

Program to get addicted people treatment/rehab and back on track (social svc/counseling/volunteering / jobs, etc) instead of other penalties/ jail time

Youth prevention program and or Treatment program for adult and youth

I would like to see more group options for the public, whether it be support for families or groups for people who are trying to get sober. But more public options for the community with publicly and stigma free advertising

Trained officers, groups for peer support, programs for youth and families of those struggling

People that have a problem need help

Keep drugs out of schools.

A community outreach to get help or maybe have the town to stop all the illegal sales of unlicensed shops

More education at the elementary school level.

More support in our schools - especially the middle school and high school

Self care social skills lessons from K up to teach and anxiety depression and substance use and abuse. I am writing a program.

While legal, so many dispensary aren't helping. Children and adults need better education about the effects of alcohol on health and relationships.

More awareness AA NA - outpatient

support and counseling for the families that are dealing with someone suffering from and addiction

Prevention

Transportation for people trying tog er to meetings. This town is very big and many have no car or license

Support

No clue

Idk

Education in schools/support groups adults

Programs for kids starting in 5th grade about what can happen after trying certain drugs and the effects it has on your brain.

We have so many cannabis stores in town that kids need to know the difference between state regulated and street drugs, no matter what kind.

Youth programs

More training for police, ems

Have a Battle of the Bands to raise awareness or drug free concert to raise awareness that you can still have fun without drugs and alcohol.

adolescent program with counselors who are young that can really connect with the kids.

Narcan training and general awareness in the schools. School teaching should be more centered on the dangers on fentanyl and how you never know if it's there. The schools focus too much on weed.

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Access to narcan/clean needles

Unknown

None

Easily accessible & specialized counseling (e.g. CASAC/LCSW) access to resources at already existing WM locations (family success centers, urgent care mental health location in rock port) and/or new locations. As in- an actual person, group, or department. Not someone who serves as a contact to provide a number for somewhere else. Teen groups. These groups can host a local NA chapter as there is currently not one in WM. Consistent support groups for family members of addicted individuals. As in- not just one meeting every 3 months that discusses 'how to notice signs' or handing out a pamphlet with lists of numbers for other places that are not easily accessible. Any money that goes to police department should be put towards a SRO at the middle and high school to again, provide assistance and info on resources above if/when situations occur. I am a former employer of WM school district and believe an understanding/supportive presence here can be

effective if done correctly, rather than as a reactive or punitive attempt or an attempt to scare.

Treatment programs and support

An anonymous way to reach out for help for those embarrassed to reach out. Treatment set up for those w out insurance and/or transportation

use the money to give kids a place to ride ATVs

More school programs

More available counseling; can take on new clients

Put money into youth center - place for kids to hang out together drug-free. Hire a full time coordinator to design after school and evening events/programs etc. Have it staffed and open afternoons and evenings so kids can just meet up and hang out. Have information/classes available to teach kids what opportunities are available to them - college, plumbing, electrical, hvac training, medical certification courses. They need to see they have a future and it pays to be drug-free. They're not getting this information from their parents or the schools seemingly.

N/A

Treatment centers

More prevention programs in the schools

When the town has the amount of dispensaries as it does, it is very hard to then turn around and tell our children that "drugs are bad".

Also. Schools need more counselors to prevent kids from feeling hopeless enough to slip into the drug life.

Jesse's Journey with Maureen Morella. She's a local WM resident with a profound program for middle school/high school students

How about less dispensaries. We're fighting one type of drug but encouraging the use of others.

Activity's for the teens to do before they are bored and look for other outlets to keep them busy

None

N/A

Nothing specific at this time. We just to help however we can more education in our schools about the dangers of opioids.

N/a

What they having been doing beside the schools

Outpatient rehab services

Pet support while in rehab

If someone wants help they need to be able to get into a program that very same day and not wait till they change their mind... the drugs have a strong pull and many people find it too hard to find a detox or program and give up before getting help..

More funn things for kids to stay active so they don't want to experiment with drugs!

N/a

Alcohol abuse support as well

Prevention programs for youth

I don't know of any. But CASA is truly NOT working for over a decade.

Prevention in grammar schools

Any early prevention

https://www.drugfreeworld.org/request-info/drug-free-world-education-package.html?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjw59q2BhBOEiwAK

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None

Destigmastize addiction

We need better treatment centers and services closer to our community.

Prevent children from turning to drugs

Medication disposal. Easy information on treatment centers and detox centers, care after.

I would like to get beneath the surface of the addiction and overdose and understand why West Milford has had such a high number of overdoses and substance abuse cases based on population size. I would like to see those underlying causes addressed.

Na

More activities for kids to keep them occupied

N/a

Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Inpatient and Outpatient Programs.

Sober Living Facilities / Houses

NA

N/a

N/A

More drug testing

n/a

More community outreach between PD & schools

NA

N/A

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More education to middle and high school population

n/a

N/A

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Education in the schools

More public mental health services

I have very little experience in this area. But think these are all wonderful ideas.

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Educate students earlier. Should be done as a mandatory program for all students starting in 6th grade including all drug related issues

N/a

Na

NA

Better education to kids about drugs

None

Guest speakers at schools

The black poster project to the high school

none

Not sure

Pain management strategies for student-athletes and families to avoid use of opioids.

24 hour hot line

Prevention programs, for sure

Awareness

More education in the schools

N.A

N/A

A free youth activity center

I don't have any the at come to mind

Donr know

Get help to addicts and their families

Counseling offices for private relapse prevention

Alternate programming for teens as preventive strategy

Programs in our schools to demonstrate to students the various issues and consequences involved with the use of Opioids from not only the Health Department point of view, but also Law Enforcment and Education.

speakers for the high school

Not sure

N/A

sorry don't have any

Impact students by bringing in speakers willing to share their stories relating to tragedy relating to addiction

Affordable treatment payments.

Getting speakers that have dealt with opioid abuse to talk to middle school snd high school students. I think its importang to try to get people that they can relate to like athletes or people that you look up to like police officers that have dealt with these issues.

Special needs program for our students.

Unsure

I am not very aware of what programs or resources are available since I recently moved to West Milford.

Counseling and support services

None

Youth programs/center to give kids something to keep them off drugs

N/A

providing more activities for youth than don't participate in sports but also to all young residents. A cafe, a place where they can gather rather than going to the woods.

treatment services

More resources towards people who wish to recover.

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N/A

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None

Dangers of vaping for teens. Resources, speakers, professional development for the community.

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N/a

None

The funding should be made available to cover the cost of mental health services, such as individual and group counseling sessions, bullying prevention workshops, community gathering that offer opportunities for community members to congregate and spend quality time together.

N/a

We had dare when I was in school
And it was always informative

Na

None

I'd like to see less gateway drugs in town, especially weed.

I have no idea.

Mitigation and education should come first.

na

Money should go towards books or other school necessities. Police training should be the responsibility of the police funding not school funding. Other than emergency hospital treatment opioid treatment should be parent/insurance responsibility.

N/A

I would like to also receive any info given or taught to students in the Highschool.

I'm not sure

N/a

This town needs a teen center with things that interest our kids/teens. Teen nights, movie night, arcades, etc Keep the kids entertained so they don't want to use drugs. The property I manage donated a pool table 5 years ago. We need more things like this to keep kids out of trouble.

Programs for students to keep them active so they don't get involved in drugs.

None

Prevention, along with one on one counseling for any youth who is at risk.

N/a

It's also a hidden problem . Offer information to better inform these kids that these drugs are fatal . Talk to parents more about what do look to tell of their child is on these drugs . Offer more after school

Facilities for these kids to go to

After school . Rec rooms , open gyms , safe places for them to

gather that they can utilize after school to study etc etc . Offer late buses for them

Also if they what to stay around school

If these places are provided so they can get home . The kids need more to do if they are not involved with sports .

Consistent police enforcement

Affordable/FREE sports activities for our children

Risk free places for someone to go if they need help.
(Confidential, etc)

More availability to Narcan and rehabs

Training for law enforcement and paramedics in town.

Working as a community, and groups (like WMMA) that bring together different perspectives help with prevention. Prevention and youth education should be at the forefront of the plan!

Prevention education

N/A

Educational talks at schools

Programs on ways anyone can serve/help their community

School counselors full time at each school property

Reduce number of CBD and associated facilities selling products in town

no

No ideas

Family counseling.

I don't have any

Better snow removal up on the mountain always the last one's to be taken care of

I think it would be effective to have young people from NA(narcotics anonymous) and AA(Alcoholics Anonymous)programs who are now in sobriety , come speak at the HS . They could share their experience and show how detrimental these choices can be .They can speak from the heart about how they wish they never took their first ...how it has ruined their life... what it took for them to get back up ...how they had friends die ... after almost dying from their addiction and losing everything and everyone due to isolation from drinking and drugging .

I think it would be most effective for our teens to have younger speakers as it hits closer to home .

I would also like to see random testing done .

I would like more counseling in the schools .

Police connecting/community outreach. Annual program remembering the residents who have died because of addiction. Bergen County has a great group.

I don't have any ideas at this time.

n/a

Communication to the community - quaterly newsletter with community updates, volunteer opportunities and educational info.

Not sure

Prevent cannabis and marijuana stores and sales in town etc

Unsure

More programs for kids and upgraded facilities

More activities geared towards teenagers

I don't know

N/a

Transportation for young people to decrease isolation

Teen drug prevention and education.

Dealing with peer pressure and drugs

Field trips to drug treatment facilities for teens

Counseling office at affordable prices for LCADC practitioners such as myself that is willing to provide counseling services for maintenance of recovery from addiction.

Early education and counseling for those with drug problems

Services focused on rebuilding lives Legal issues, DMV issues, domestic issues, and family services. The more people successfully rebuild their lives, the They can act as peer facilitators to work with people who are not yet too far into the drug, legal system.

support groups for kids with parents who are abusing substances, treatment for teens

Programs that support self worth in youth to keep their focus onto their future instead of the hardships. Not endorsing existing programs but rather creating programs for marginalized people

More education programs in schools

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Support for families affected by addiction. I see the impacts spread outward from the addicted person to affect siblings, children, parents. Letting them know that there is help for them too.

N/A

Nothing more

Mentors for drug abusers by people who have been in their shoes and are doing well.

Prevention, narcan kit training!

12-step type programs (especially faith-based)

Na

Youth services

All of the above

I would love to see educational programs for the schools similar to DARE when I was in elementary school.

Not sure

Drug addiction treatment options in West Milford

Social workers working with law enforcement and first responders to respond to calls.

N/a

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N/A

N/A

Mental health care

I don't know

Na

Hold people accountable

n/a

Prevention should be talked about at the elementary level, more than the Real program.

none

I'd like to see the funds go towards prevention then anything else.

N/a

Treatment

There is an organization that has many resources to help communities who want to implement SMART Approaches To Marijuana. The organization is called SAM. The website is: <https://learnaboutsam.org/>. Getting the truth out to young people and parents, in the midst of the misinformation, is so very important.

Is the DARE program in elementary schools?

Programming for youth, both after school and summer. Research shows when youth are involved in positive after school and summer programs, they are less likely to experiment with drugs and alcohol

More counseling and programs for students to be aware of the issue

More positive publications in our local papers about people getting help. Not just being arrested.

Providing accessible mental health support.. we have comprehensive behavioral health but they are open two days a week and no psych provider.. we need places to take medicaid and that's the only one... and there focus is short term support... not effective for substance use

More Counseling Services

I would like to see Christ centered counseling for those caught up in addiction.

No

Start to teach ppl in HS about these issues. Educate young!

Idk

more treatment

Na

TBD

Youth counseling

