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\$625,000 Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Grant Awarded to Local Coalition

The Office of Federal Drug Control Policy has awarded \$24.4 million in new Drug Free Communities grant funding to 199 organizations across the nation. As one of the four grant recipients in Washington State, the Kitsap Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (KTASC) will receive \$625,000 in grant funding (\$125,000/year for five years).

KTASC will use the funds to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth and, eventually, adults. It will accomplish this by increasing community awareness about substance abuse and improving collaboration between many individual and organizational community efforts.

KTASC was established in August 2006 through the merger of two long standing, county-wide coalitions: the *Tobacco Free Kitsap County Coalition* (coordinated by the Kitsap County Health District) and the *Kitsap Substance Abuse Prevention Association* (coordinated by the Kitsap County Division of Human Services). In April 2008, KTASC was formally adopted through a resolution of the Kitsap County Board of Health.

The Coalition's work is directed by twelve Council members, appointed by the Kitsap County Board of Health, representing schools, business, media, youth serving organizations, religious/fraternal organizations, civic/volunteer groups, healthcare professionals, state local and/tribal agencies, social service providers, law enforcement, schools, youth and parents.

KTASC Council meetings are open to the public and are scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Silverdale Community Center Evergreen Room, 9729 Silverdale Way NW, in Silverdale.

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The KTASC Council is seeking an unlimited number of general Coalition members. For additional information, contact Shelly Rose at the Kitsap County Health District, (360) 337-5230.

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