

GET Involved

Be a:

- › Coalition member: meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month
- › Sub-Committee member: small groups that work on short, specific projects/activities
- › Event volunteer: represent PRIDE at community events
- › Marketing volunteer/intern: help design media campaigns
- › Sponsor or Partner: financially support a specific activity or media campaign

But most importantly, Lead By Example!

Be a positive role model for our youth.

Make healthy choices and teach youth how to, as well.

Talk to your kids about underage drinking, drugs, tobacco, and prescription drug use.

Help us spread our message: Like and Share our social media page and posts. Attend our events/meetings. Bring a friend. Talk about PRIDE with your peers.

For more information and to learn how you can get involved, contact:

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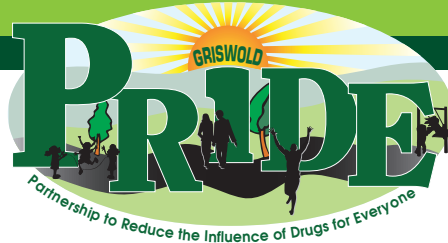
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<http://griswoldyfs.com/griswold-p.r.i.d.e.html>
www.facebook.com/griswoldpride/

OUR MISSION

To unite the citizens of Griswold in a partnership to create and foster a safe, drug-free environment for the entire community.



Coalition Membership

American Ambulance
Community Health Resources
CT Dept. of Children and Families
CT State Police
Eastern Savings Bank
Families and Community First Griswold
Griswold Public Schools
Griswold Senior Center
Griswold Town Government
Griswold Youth & Family Services
Lisbon Lions Club
Jewett City Borough Officials
Jewett City Savings Bank
Matt's Mission
Natchaug River Young Marines
Quinebaug River Church
SERAC
St. Mary's Church
United Community and Family Services
Uncas Health District
United Services
Wolverine Radio
Parents, Residents, and Youth



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Griswold PRIDE



What is P.R.I.D.E.?

This program is a collaboration of business leaders, town officials, police officers, school administrators, clergy, healthcare workers, social service leaders, parents and youth, which was formed in response to the opioid epidemic that the country and our town is facing. By working together, we bring knowledge, resources, and passion from all different community sectors to reduce and prevent substance use in Griswold. Currently, our efforts are funded by community donations and Foundation grants, with support from the Putnam PRIDE coalition through the Drug Free Communities Mentoring grant. This funding allows us to implement community-wide initiatives meant to reduce the negative effects of substance use in our town, while building the capacity of our coalition to procure a federal Drug Free Communities grant.

PRIDE GOALS

1. Raise community awareness of alcohol, opioid, and other drug issues.
2. Increase community involvement in prevention activities.
3. Build capacity to maintain consistent, long term programs and initiatives.
4. Prevent underage drinking and substance use among our youth.

What do we do?

As a coalition, we continue to develop new and novel initiatives to target substance use in the community, while tailoring existing activities to meet the needs of Griswold, and utilizing the evidence based, Strategic Prevention Framework and Seven Strategies for Community Change.

Needs Assessment

- Collect and analyze data to determine community risk and protective factors

Coalition and Capacity Building

- Community presentations and events
- Trainings to coalition members and their community sectors: Drug Trends, TIPS training for responsible alcohol sales and service, Opioid Overdose and Naloxone, Diversity, Prevention Works, Youth Leadership, Drug Trends
- PRIDE Scholarships for local youth leaders who promote our mission



Planning and Implementation of Initiatives

- Roundtable Discussions on Opioid Dependence with local, state, and national legislators
- Outreach to pharmacies, providing information on naloxone prescribing certification
- Compliance Check Operations with alcohol retailers, improving from 25% compliance to 100% compliance
- Drug Take Back Day events, collecting over 400 pounds of medication for safe disposal
- Mobile Drug Take Back events with Senior Living Facilities
- Community Conversations and Forums on the Opioid Epidemic
- Annual Red Ribbon Week, community-wide campaign
- Media Campaigns, including underage drinking prevention, responsible storage and disposal of prescription drugs, student-designed positive social norms campaigns
- Collaborations with schools and town to research policy changes that could reduce substance use

Sustainability

- Seek and prepare grants from community foundations, and state and federal government

Evaluation

- Student and Community Surveys to gauge substance use patterns, trends, perceptions, awareness, and readiness to engage in prevention activities

