

# Washington State Incentive Grant

## Community Project Description

**Community Project:** East Central Neighborhood Project  
**Lead Agency:** Spokane County Community Services

### Abstract

The target population is families and their children in Spokane's East Central Neighborhood. The neighborhoods, served by Martin Luther King Jr. Family Outreach Center and the East Central Community Center, are considered ethnically diverse with over 20 percent of the population at the federal poverty level.

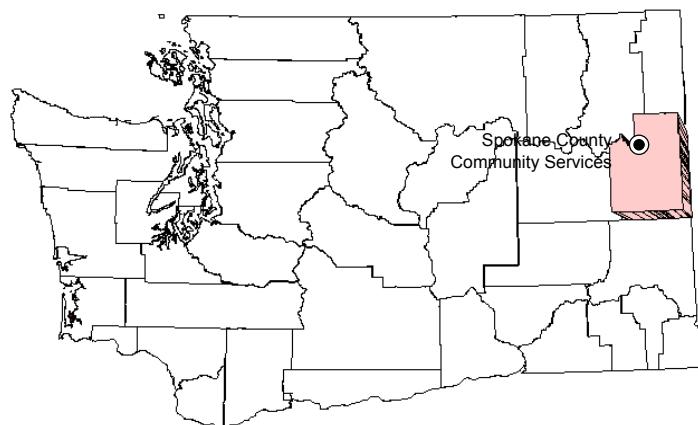
One of the challenges is to have youth, teenagers, and families to come together as a community. Key community informants say that the use of "gateway" drugs (tobacco and marijuana) commences in the fourth grade. Fourth and fifth graders also experiment with inhalants.

It is the community's intent to enhance and intensify current capacity of the existing programs. Youth will be primarily recruited by teachers and counselors. Flyers and brochures, "Family Night Out," and word-of-mouth will also be used to inform the caregivers of the children in target schools.

This is a membership community. All services are provided at the two neighborhood community centers and youth are recruited from the schools in the centers' areas.

### Partners

Calvary Church  
Chase and Sacajawea Middle School  
City of Spokane  
East Central Community Center  
East Central Neighborhood Council & Steering Committee  
Grant and Sheridan Elementary Schools  
Lewis and Clark High School  
Martin Luther King Jr. Family Outreach Center  
New Hope Baptist Church  
Riverside School District  
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)  
Spokane Community Mobilization Against Substance Abuse  
Spokane Regional Health District  
St. Matthew Baptist Church  
WSU / Spokane County Cooperative Extension



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