

## Community Project Description

**Community Project:** Finley School District and Community Prevention Project  
**Lead Agency:** Educational Service District #123

### Abstract

A collaborative substance abuse prevention project in the Tri-cities is being spearheaded by Southeast Washington Educational Service District #123.

After an intensive community needs assessment, it was determined that the project would address reducing the risk factors associated with substance abuse of youth having favorable attitudes toward alcohol and other drug use. The project will also focus on changing the communities' laws and norms, which make it easy for youth to use.

The prevention activities selected for these communities begin with a tobacco prevention model. This prevention model will involve parents in the anti-tobacco campaign. There is a media campaign planned to raise community awareness to round off the model components.

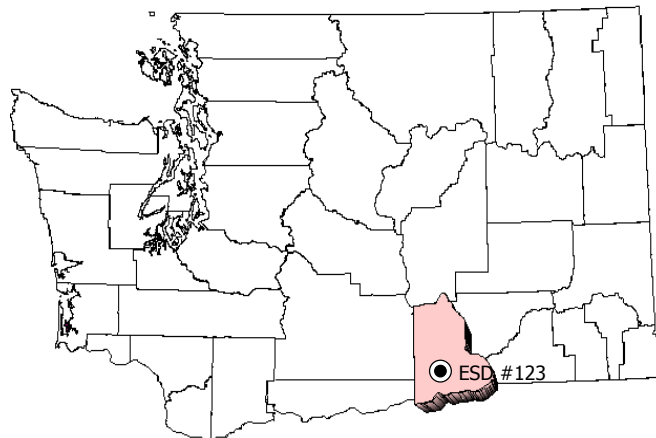
The project will implement Project ALERT, an education curriculum that allows teachers to adjust program content to diverse student populations with different levels of information and drug exposure. Eighth graders will be targeted with Project Northland to help them prepare for the difficult transition to ninth grade.

Families as a Team and Summer Ropes course will be available for students in fourth through ninth grades. These activities focus on parent and youth communication, decision-making, problem-solving, and learning to "play" together.

Approximately 1,000 youths and families will be involved in these prevention activities.

### Partners

Benton County Sheriff's Department  
Benton Franklin Substance Abuse Coalition  
Department of Human Services for Fiscal Management  
Finley Community Department of Human Services  
Finley School District  
Finley Teachers  
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