

# Southeast Seattle P.E.A.C.E. Coalition

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#### **Our Mission:**

"To educate, empower, and mobilize Southeast Seattle to ensure our kids are safe, happy, and healthy so they can learn. To reduce and prevent youth substance abuse and violence in Southeast Seattle using culturally appropriate strategies."



Aki Kurose Middle School Academy

The Southeast Seattle P.E.A.C.E. Coalition focuses on Aki Kurose Middle School and the surrounding community to prevent alcohol and other drug abuse.



# Southeast Seattle, Washington

#### **About the SE Seattle P.E.A.C.E. Coalition:**

The SE Seattle Prevention, Education, and Action for Community Empowerment (P.E.A.C.E.) Coalition is a membership-based community group working to keep Southeast Seattle youth safe, healthy and happy so they can succeed. We bring together all sectors of the community including: schools, health professionals, government agencies, parents, youth, media, youth-serving organizations, religious groups, businesses, civic and volunteer groups, mental health and substance abuse agencies, law enforcement, and individual community members to maximize our impact on youth and families. Each year we revise and implement our Action Plan to increase community, school, youth and family protective factors and decrease risk factors associated with substance abuse and mental health problems.

The Coalition is staffed by Neighborhood House and funded by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services - Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, King County Department of Community and Human Services, Puget Sound Educational Service District, and Aki Kurose Middle School.

# **Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative**

In 2011, the Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery launched the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI), a statewide effort to concentrate substance abuse prevention efforts in a small geographic area based upon need and community readiness. One of the selected communities is Southeast Seattle, located from I-90 south to Rainier Beach and Skyway and between I-5 and Lake Washington.

#### **About Southeast Seattle**

Southeast Seattle is known as the most diverse neighborhood within the United States, with the zip codes 98118, 98144, 98178 and 98108. Here you will find a community with over 60 languages spoken , home to a diverse group of people including Seattle's largest population of immigrant and refugee families.

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**Our Partners:** 



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# Southeast Seattle—King County, WA





# What We Do To Keep Kids Safe, Healthy and Drug Free

The SE Seattle P.E.A.C.E. Coalition developed an action plan and is implementing strategies and activities to reduce youth substance abuse and associated issues such as, mental health problems, truancy, school drop out and violence. Our actions for the 2017-2018 school year include:

- Monthly Coalition meetings to coordinate community efforts
- A full time Prevention/Intervention Specialist at Aki Kurose Middle School who
  provides services, including drug prevention classes and working with youth
  affected by substance abuse issues
- Programs to provide parents/families with parenting tips and tools
- Media campaigns to promote alcohol and other drug prevention
- Youth education to help youth make healthy and safe decisions
- Supporting local and state policies to prevent substance abuse
- "206 Rising" our youth engagement campaign through music and arts, www.206rising.org, #206rising, www.Facebook.com/206rising

Neighborhood House's Coalition Coordinator, supports and provides assistance to the coalition, and helps guide the development and implementation of the coalition's strategic plan. King County has assigned a part-time Community Coordinator, Jackie Berganio, to manage the overall project including providing technical assistance and training, and taking responsibility for reporting and evaluation.

# Southeast Seattle Statistics

Population (2010): 40,305 Below poverty level: 16%

Ethnic Diversity (2010): Zoning: Urban

35% White

29% Asian/Pacific Islander Foreign Born: 31%

26% Black/African American

8% Latino Non-English speaking at home: 41%

6% Multi Racial

4% Other Year Coalition Founded: 2012

0.7% American Indian/Alaska Native