**Washington State Incentive Grant**

**Community Project Description**

**Community Project:** Pacific County Kid Care  
**Lead Agency:** Pacific County Health & Human Services / Willapa Children's Services

**Abstract**

Pacific County is comprised of 908 square miles in the rural southwestern corner of the State of Washington. Pacific County is sparsely populated, rural, and consists of diverse geographic areas. The current population is 21,714 individuals, with the most rapidly growing minority population being Southeast Asian.

The prevention activities in Pacific County include Preparing for the Drug-Free Years, a parenting program for parents of students Grades 4 through 8; and Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS), a program designed for elementary school-aged children kindergarten through Grade 5. Program services also include I'm Special, a drug prevention program for Grades 4 and 5 that is designed to reduce or delay onset of students' use of illegal substances; and the After-School Activities Program that provides elementary age children of working parents with opportunities for interaction with peers and positive adults and provides a supportive, safe environment.

The target population of the prevention activities and projects include youth in Grades 4, 5, and 6, and parents of students ages 9 through 16.

**Partners**

Ocean Beach School District  
Pacific County Public Health and Human Services  
Raymond School District  
South Bend School District  
Willapa Children's Services  
Willapa Valley School District