

Washington State Incentive Grant

Community Project Description

Community Project: Safe Haven
Lead Agency: Toppenish Police Department / City of Toppenish

Abstract

Toppenish is located in the central Yakima Valley in eastern Washington, with the service area including a population that is predominately employed in Washington State's vast agricultural industry. Today, the median age in the service area is 26.1 years, 63 percent are of Hispanic descent, 90 percent of which are of Mexican descent, and 41 percent of the population is under 18 years of age. The target population is 10-12-year-old youths and their families.

The Toppenish program will focus on 570 youths and families, utilizing the "Preparing for the Drug-Free Years" curriculum. It is a parenting program for parents of children in Grades 4 through 8. The program is designed to help parents reduce the likelihood that their children will develop problems with drugs and alcohol in adolescence. Tutoring, mentoring, recreation programs, and home visits to recruit students and parents for training will also occur.

The projects and activities will affect approximately 1,200 students and families

Partners

- Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health
- Central Washington Merit Resource Services
- Greater Yakima Mentoring Coalition
- Northwest Community Action Center
- Project Change
- The Casey Family Program
- Toppenish Parks/Recreation
- Toppenish Police Department
- Toppenish School District
- Volunteer and Career Center of Yakima County
- Yakima County Juvenile Court System
- Yakima YMCA



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