

South Suburban Family Wellness Historical Perspective

1991-2014

Prevention Partnership, Inc. worked with the Head Start Centers in Chicago Heights, Ford Heights, Country Club Hills, Harvey, Robbins, Orland Park and Calumet/Blue Island. This Family Wellness Program was initially funded by a three-year grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services, and then funded by CEDA Head Start and the Illinois Department of Human Services. The intention was to eventually form community coalitions and engage the Head Start community at large.

2004-2017

Prevention Partnership, Inc. begins work with Chicago Heights School District 170, implementing its Youth Peer Leadership and Skills Building Program which is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services and the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

2009-current

Prevention Partnership, Inc. with funds from Illinois Department of Human Services and the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), in partnership with Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC) and Chicago Heights Office of the Mayor, established the Chicago South Suburban Family Wellness Alliance (SSFWA).

2010-2013 December the Chicago Heights City Council passed a resolution charging the SSFWA to implement the three year strategic plan developed by the Coalition.

2012-2013

Grant received by Prevention Partnership, Inc. in collaboration with the SSFWA, from the Cook County Department of Public Health for their “Communities Putting Prevention to Work/ Model Communities Initiative administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention focusing on nutrition and physical activities, healthy hot spots, school gardens, safety and security, along with workshops on healthy eating. A national award was given to the Transportation Committee; Chicago Heights School District modified their school lunch program lights were put in areas of the City that needed more lighting, and a summer soccer program was implemented for SD 170 youth.

2014-2016

December the Chicago Heights City Council passed a resolution charging the SSFWA to implement the three-year strategic plan developed by the Coalition.

2014-2019

A Drug Free Communities grant was applied for by TASC and received to assist the community in its efforts to stop “Underage Drinking” adding more resources to the community.

2013-current

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant was awarded to the Prevention Partnership, Inc. in partnership with the SSFWA to provide prevention education on teen pregnancy and HIV/AIDS/STIs for Rich Township District 227 students. This is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

2019-2024

A Drug Free Communities continuation application was applied for by TASC and received to assist the community in its efforts to stop “Underage Drinking” adding more resources to the community.



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