

Get Involved

We are open to any organization, agency, or individual that wants to participate and support the mission of the Coalition to become a member.

What is 2 Degrees Prevention?

This is a Community Coalition committed to preventing the use and delaying the onset of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among youth. You are no MORE than two degrees from someone struggling with the disease of addiction. We are registered with the MO Department of Behavioral Health as a Missouri Community Coalition.

Why Have a Coalition?

We are all concerned about substance abuse issues facing our youth and can work for drug-free neighborhoods and promote drug prevention activities.

Coalitions are typically made up people who represent different sectors of the community - business, law enforcement, schools, local government, health, media, parents, youth, and the faith community, all working together to develop a comprehensive community-wide approach to substance abuse issues. Many communities realize that local drug problems require local solutions.

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Prevention

- Educate children, parents and other members of the community to reject illicit drugs and underage alcohol and tobacco use and misuse of prescription drugs.
- Provide community with access to research-based substance abuse programs.
- Support drug-free schools, prevention programs and other environments that promote zero tolerance for substance use.
- Work with media outlets on awareness of prevention activities and events.
- Collaboration with community partners, organizations, business and faith groups to encourage prevention efforts in the community.
- Increase community-wide awareness on addiction and the impact it has on the community.

Mission

Assist the community in the identification, planning and implementation of activities for the youth of Ripley County that will result in the prevention and reduction of the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) and other risk-taking behaviors.

Goals

Ripley County 2 Degrees Prevention Coalition works to:

- Reduce substance use among youth
- Address factors that increase the risk of substance abuse
- Promote the positive factors that minimize the risk of substance abuse
- Strengthen and diversify community collaborations
- Collaborate with community agencies to promote community wide awareness of issues around substance abuse.



“An over-indulgence of anything, even something as pure as water, can intoxicate.” - Criss Jami



History

The Ripley County Coalition has worked to bring together a diverse community to measurably improve the welfare of children and the community by reducing the incidence of substance abuse and its negative effects.

Membership

Ripley County 2 Degrees Coalition seeks the involvement or individuals from these community sectors:

- Civic leaders
- Locally elected officials
- Faith community
- Parents
- School employees
- Student/Youth
- Law Enforcement
- Health providers
- Media representatives
- Housing representatives