



## Kamiah Community Partners Coalition

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*Promoting Positive Change For A Healthy Community*



## KCPC 2013 Exemplary Coalition

**(Kamiah, ID)**--Three delegates from Kamiah Community Partners Coalition (KCPC) traveled to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma August 27-29 to accept the 2013 National Exemplary Awards for Innovative Substance Abuse Prevention Programs, Practices, and Policies presented by The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors' (NASADAD) and its component group, the National Prevention Network (NPN). Since its inception over two decades ago, this Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) supported program has sought to identify and honor outstanding achievements in substance abuse prevention throughout the United States.

The 2013 Exemplary Awards recognize quality substance abuse prevention efforts from around the country including effective and exemplary programs, practices, policies, and other initiatives. Examples of programs invited to participate in the Call for Applications include, but are not limited to, those that have impacted specific changes in their communities – such as promoting responsible retailing practices, smoke-free workplace ordinances, and other environmental approaches.

KCPC was nominated for this award by the Idaho Office of Drug Policy. Elisha Figueroa, Administrator of the Office stated, “Kamiah Community Partners Coalition is a model for coalitions not only in Idaho, but throughout the nation. They’ve brought together diverse partners, overcome obstacles, and implemented changes that have made their community a safer, healthier place for their families.” They were then required to provide specific outcome data that demonstrated the success of the program on the reduction of youth substance abuse.

KCPC was one of two programs recommended to be recipients by the National Exemplary Awards review panel. Reviewers believed the program had several exemplary components worth showcasing to the prevention community and also felt that this recognition would provide the program with further opportunities for advancement and growth.

As a recipient for the 2013 National Exemplary Awards, KCPC received an unrestricted mini-grant of \$1,650 and 2 members were flown to the 2013 NPN Prevention Research Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. KCPC Vice President Abraham Broncheau was in attendance at the conference, “I learned a lot in the workshops about successful programs used across the country to combat substance abuse of all kinds, I hope we can implement some of them into KCPC’s community programming efforts. I look forward to attending more conferences of this nature.”

The National Exemplary Awards presentation occurred Wednesday, August 28, 2013 during the conference luncheon. During this presentation, KCPC had the opportunity to premier their “We Are Kamiah” video. The video depicts several Kamiah residents speaking on the many environmental strategies KCPC implements to combat youth substance use in the community. Sharlene Johnson, KCPC Executive Director was “very grateful for the community support received while producing the video. The video was a great way to showcase what we do in the community, using real community members.” The video can be viewed on Youtube.com under the title “KCPC-We Are Kamiah”.

The 2013 Exemplary Awards recognize exceptional substance abuse efforts, to include programs, policies and practices. These awards serve to focus national attention on the field of substance abuse prevention. They are intended to showcase “grassroots,” evidence-based substance abuse prevention programs and strategies that have been evaluated and may be replicated by others. As the field matures and expands, proven prevention strategies and practices are tailored to new populations and locations and adapted to address emerging problems and trends. Organizations that have implemented programs resulting in specific changes or outcomes—at either the individual, program, or community levels—are recipients of the award.

The Exemplary Awards program is a significant honor and draws national attention to innovation in the field of substance abuse prevention. These awards serve to recognize unique contributions to the substance abuse prevention field, in the form of programs which have been demonstrated to be effective and can be replicated.

KCPC meets the third Wednesday of every month at 12:00 at the Kamiah Welcome Center. The meetings are open to the public and new membership is always welcome. “KCPC is a great life changing experience! If you get involved you will learn so much, that how can you ever turn a blind eye again? It makes you want to get out in your community and help save a life” stated Hanna Krieger KCPC Board member and conference attendee.

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