



The Warwick Valley Prevention Coalition (WVPC) was initiated in 2009 by the joint efforts of the Warwick Valley Community Center and the Warwick Valley School District. The Town of Warwick Police Department joined the coalition shortly after it began. Both the police and the school district have remained committed to the coalition. Since its inception, the coalition has also received technical assistance from the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services through the Mid-Hudson Prevention Resource Center. Over its 8 years of existence, the WVPC has become a well-recognized resource for the Warwick Valley School District, parents, students, community members and the media looking for information and programs about alcohol and other drugs; including signs, symptoms, effects, and current local and national trends; youth violence and self-harm; and prevention tools.

In September 2016, Michael Botticelli, Director of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), announced \$85.9 million in grants for 698 Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Programs across the country. The grants provide funding to local community coalitions for preventing youth substance use, including prescription drugs, marijuana, tobacco, and alcohol. In partnership, the Warwick Valley Prevention Coalition and Vernon Coalition received one of the three DFC Mentoring Grants awarded this year in the United States. The primary goal of the Mentoring grant is to assist the WVPC in becoming eligible to apply for DFC funding by completion of the two-year Mentoring grant. In addition, by working collaboratively, Warwick and Vernon are able to share resources and help get the message out in a comprehensive way.

The WVPC's office is located at the Warwick Valley Community Center, 11 Hamilton Avenue, Warwick, NY 10990. Monthly Coalition meetings are held there on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Our Mission

To reduce alcohol and marijuana abuse among youth and to prevent initiation into all drug use by encouraging wise & healthy decisions by all community members.

Our Goals

- Create a community that supports healthy life styles that exclude underage drinking, abusive drinking, marijuana use, heroin use and abuse of prescription medications;
- Support prevention efforts in the school district by focusing on healthy lifestyle choices & skills;
- Create opportunities for youth to become role models and leaders in their communities;
- Increase the passage and enforcement of policies/laws that support non-use of alcohol by minors, responsible drinking by those over 21 and non-use of illegal substances; and
- Create work environments that support healthy lifestyle choices.

Objectives of Monthly Meetings

Meetings afford a monthly opportunity for members and guests to:

- Learn something new
- Share information about projects or events
- Discuss & develop solutions for community issues
- Learn about committee work and progress
- Connect with other community members
- Request assistance/collaboration to address an issue



Membership Application (please print)

In applying to become a member of the Warwick Valley Prevention Coalition I agree to support the mission of the Coalition and play an active role in the prevention of alcohol and other drug abuse in Warwick; network with local partners to share information; use opportunities to participate in Coalition activities; and provide input on Coalition efforts. Membership is free.

Application for: (check one) **Individual Membership** _____ **Organizational Membership** _____
(For Organizational Membership, please have form completed by the primary representative.)

Please indicate below your level of participation. (Check one)

Full Membership:
A general member is one who is interested in the Coalition, wants to receive information and will assist with in-kind services and/or outreach if called upon and available. May also attend monthly meetings when able and/or join a subcommittee.

Work Group: A work group committee member is one who is committed to attending monthly meetings and assisting with its efforts on one of the committees for Substance Misuse, Communication & Outreach, Law Enforcement & Safety and/or Technology & Data (Circle a committee work group.)

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Title: _____

Agency or Organization Name: _____

Address: _____ **Suite, apt. etc.:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Daytime phone: _____ **OK to text?** Y N **Alternate phone:** _____

As the majority of the Coalition’s updates and reminders are communicated electronically, we request that all active members provide an E-mail address: _____

Please explain below why you are seeking membership on the Coalition and which sector(s) of the community you represent (e.g. youth, parent, faith, school, business, local or state government agency, law enforcement agency, healthcare, other organization addressing substance abuse, family or youth service organization, or media.) _____

Please share any special skill, service or area of expertise you or your organization bring to the Coalition.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank you for your interest and support! Please complete this form and return it to: Annie Colonna, Coordinator, WVPC c/o Warwick Valley Community Center, 11 Hamilton Avenue, Warwick, NY 10990