

## Working with the 12 Sectors in the Community

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| Business                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retailer Training</li> <li>• Compliance Checks</li> </ul>  |
| Civic/<br>Volunteer       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grassroots Training</li> <li>• Presentations to Neighborhood Groups</li> <li>• Environmental Strategies to Create Healthy, Safe Communities</li> </ul>   |
| Faith<br>Community        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rush Center Leadership Training</li> <li>• Rush Center Team Training</li> <li>• Resources for Awareness Activities: Red Ribbon Week, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Day, Kick Butts Day</li> </ul>                       |
| Healthcare                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Endangered Children Protocol (DEC) -(passed in Wyandotte in Nov., 2008)</li> </ul>  |
| Law<br>Enforcement        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tobacco/Alcohol Compliance</li> <li>• DEC Protocol</li> <li>• Drug Paraphernalia Enforcement</li> </ul>  |
| Media                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention Billboards</li> <li>• Newspaper Articles/Ads</li> </ul>   |
| Parents                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Education</li> <li>• USD 500 Parent Advisory Council</li> <li>• Presentations to PTA</li> </ul>   |
| Schools                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wyandotte County Truancy Program</li> <li>• Prime for Life®: Drug and Alcohol Diversion Program</li> <li>• Kansas Communities That Care (CTC) Survey</li> <li>• Al's Pals®: Preschool Students Making Healthy Choices</li> </ul> |
| State/Local<br>Government | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KS Department of Social &amp; Rehabilitation Services (SRS)</li> <li>• KS State Department of Education</li> <li>• KS Department of Health &amp; Environment</li> </ul>  |
| Youth                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Chapters</li> <li>• Church Groups</li> </ul>   |

### Connect the Dottes

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*A Substance Abuse  
Prevention  
Community Coalition*

*Mission:  
working together for  
effective substance  
abuse prevention for  
Wyandotte County*

# What is a Coalition?

A coalition is a voluntary, strategic alliance intended to enhance our ability to achieve a common purpose by sharing risks, responsibilities, resources and rewards.

We utilize the **Comprehensive Community Coalition model** — This type of coalition responds to community conditions by developing and implementing multi-faceted plans that lead to measurable, population-level reductions in one or more substance abuse problems.\*\*

*\*\* (Source: CADCA: Assessment Primer)*



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Connect the Dottes is a group of diverse leaders and organizations committed to integrating and aligning our resources to make our community safer and healthier. Our coalition is dedicated to engaging the entire community in this endeavor. By moving in this direction, we work smart, spend smart, and strive to reduce our tax burden as we focus on preventing such costly problems as drug abuse, violence, teen pregnancy, juvenile delinquency, crime, and school dropouts. Our prevention efforts are results focused, identifying and implementing proven, cost-effective programs, policies, and practices. The work of our coalition is a common sense, smart spending, sound investment in the future of our youth and community.

*- Derived from Patrick G. Aaby, Prevention Specialist*

## Our Process



The Connect the Dottes Coalition Implements the **Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF)**

The SPF is a 5 step evidence based process for community planning and decision making.

- 1) **Assessment**—Collect data to define problems, resources, and readiness within a geographic area to address needs and gaps.
- 2) **Capacity**—Mobilize and/or build capacity within a geographic area to address needs.
- 3) **Planning**—Develop a comprehensive strategic plan that includes policies, programs, and practices creating a logical, data-driven plan to address problems identified in assessment.
- 4) **Implementation**—Implement evidence-based prevention programs, policies, and practices.
- 5) **Evaluation**—Measure the impact of the SPF and the implemented programs, policies, and practices.