

Become a Member

- Give the gift of time! Make a difference in the lives of Griswold youth.
- Work with our local coalition to provide support for planning, project management, promotions, and communication.
- Help and represent the Coalition at local events, fairs, and promotions.
- Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month, 6p.m., at the Youth Center, 2nd Floor.

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OUR MISSION

To unite the citizens of Griswold in a partnership to create and foster a safe, drug-free environment for the entire community.

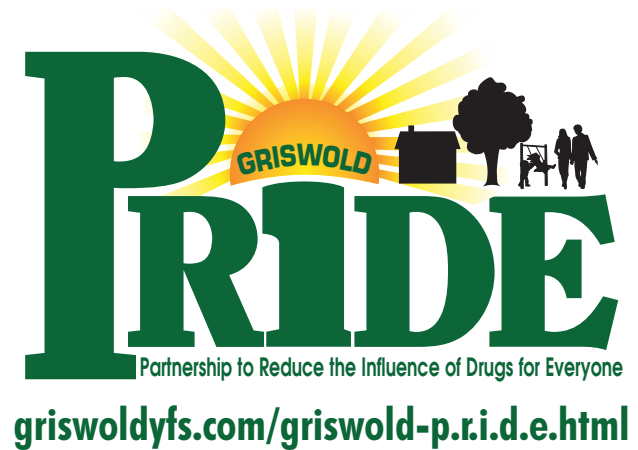


Coalition Membership

- CHR
- Children's First
- CT Dept. of Children and Families
- CT State Police
- Eastern Savings Bank
- Griswold Public Schools
- Griswold Senior Center
- Griswold Town Government
- Griswold Youth & Family Services
- Hartford Healthcare, Backus and Plainfield
- Jacques Cartier Club, Ladies Auxiliary
- Jewett City Borough Officials
- Jewett City Savings Bank
- Lebanon Pines
- Natchaug Young Marines
- Parents
- Quinebaug River Church
- SERAC
- St. Mary's Church
- TVCCA
- UCFS
- Uncas Health District
- United Services
- Wolverine Radio
- Youth



Griswold PRIDE



What is P.R.I.D.E.?

This program is a collaboration of business leaders, town officials, police officers, school administrators, clergy, healthcare workers, social service leaders, parents and youth, which was formed in response to the opioid epidemic that the country and our town is facing. By working together, we bring knowledge, resources, and passion from all different community sectors to reduce and prevent substance use in Griswold. Currently, our efforts are funded by community donations and Foundation grants, with support from the Putnam PRIDE coalition through the Drug Free Communities Mentoring grant. This funding allows us to implement community-wide initiatives meant to reduce the negative effects of substance use in our town, while building the capacity of our coalition to procure a federal Drug Free Communities grant.

PRIDE GOALS

1. Raise community awareness of alcohol, opioid, and other drug issues
2. Increase community involvement in prevention activities.
3. Build capacity to maintain consistent, long term programs and initiatives.
4. Prevent underage drinking and substance use among our youth.



Accomplishments in our First Year

- Assessed the community's needs by collecting and analyzing local data, looking at substance use consumption patterns, consequences of use, and risk and protective factors.
- Held 2 Drug Take Back Day events, collecting over 115 pounds of medication for safe disposal while also preventing misuse and abuse of those medications
- Conducted a school survey to gauge the consumption patterns of middle and high school students
- Initiated "Say it with PRIDE, Parents Don't Provide" media campaign, reminding parents of the legal and developmental consequences of providing alcohol to minors, utilizing Wolverine Radio, GHS Booster Club, and school parent folders to spread the message
- Raised funds for the purchase of a drug detection dog for CT State Police, Troop E
- Received formal recognition by the Commissioner of Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
- Secured funding to work with the CT State Police Resident Troopers to conduct the DARE program with all 5th grade students and conduct Compliance Checks with alcohol retail outlets
- Provided Youth Leadership training for GHS students, and Prevention trainings for coalition members and their sectors

Where are we going?

As a coalition, we continue to develop new and novel initiatives to target substance use in the community, while tailoring existing activities to meet the needs of Griswold. Current and future activities include:

- Create new, and expand existing media campaigns, including underage drinking prevention, responsible storage and disposal of prescription drugs, while establishing the PRIDE "brand"
- Provide trainings to coalition members and their community sectors on a broad range of topics, including local drug trends, TIPS training for responsible alcohol service, naloxone, cultural competency, youth leadership and more.
- Conduct compliance checks for local liquor retail outlets
- Implement a positive Social Norms media campaign, with Griswold students
- Conduct Bi-annual Drug Take Back Days, and implement a Mobile Drug Take Back Day for local senior citizens
- Collaborate with the town and school to research policy changes that could reduce substance use
- Conduct school and community surveys to gauge substance use trends, awareness, and readiness to engage in prevention activities
- Develop a sustainability plan to ensure the continued viability of the coalition for years to come

