

Become a Member

- Give the gift of time! Make a difference in the lives of Groton youth.
- Work with our local coalition to provide support for planning, project management and communications.
- Help with coalition events, conferences, workshops and fairs held throughout the year.
- Meetings are held on the third Monday of every month at the Groton Town Police Department.
- To learn more about GASP and how you can get involved, contact:

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To build a healthy, safe and drug-free community by advocating for programs, policy changes and practices that increase protective factors and decrease risk factors.

Our Mission:

GASP Coalition Membership

Boys and Girls Club
 Child and Family Agency
 Creating Opportunities for Youth
 Grasso Southeastern Technical High School
 Groton City Police
 Groton Human Services
 Groton Parks and Recreation Department
 Groton Public Schools
 Groton Town Police Department
 LEARN
 Mothers Against Drunk Driving
 Mystic Area Ecumenical Center
 Mystic Arts Center
 Parents and Students
 Sacred Heart Church
 Southeastern Regional Action Council
 STEPS Inc.
 St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
 Stonington Institute
 The Connection Counseling Centers
 UConn Avery Point
 Women's Center of Southeastern CT

Executive Committee

Officer Doug Hoffman, Groton Town Police Department
 Jerry Lokken, Groton Parks and Recreation
 Martha Reynolds, Groton Public Schools
 Linda Fecteau, Creating Opportunities for Youth



Groton Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition
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GASP

Groton Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

What is GASP?

The Groton Adolescent Substance Abuse Prevention (GASP) Coalition was formed in July of 1999 to address substance abuse in our community.

Currently, GASP receives funding from the Department of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS). In 2006, GASP was awarded a grant from SAMHSA to mentor the communities of Norwich and Waterford in their goal to reduce substance abuse.

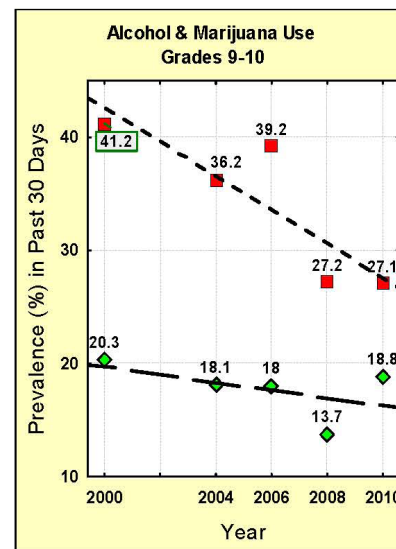
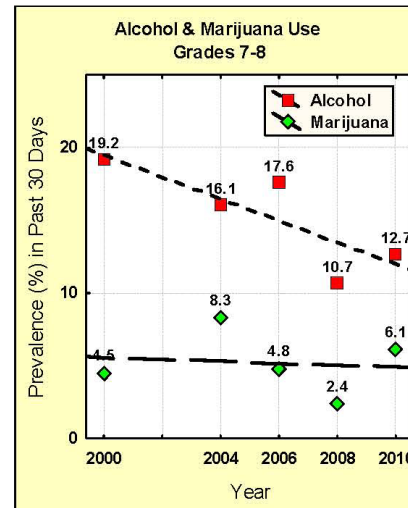
GASP represents local dedicated agencies, parents, teens and other interested community members.

GASP Goals:

1. Increase participation of Groton youth in programs that build protective factors by using a combination of science-based and other effective programs.
2. Intervene to reduce and prevent alcohol and drug use among Groton youth by utilizing environmental strategies.

Who is GASP?

Data comparisons from 2000-2010 GASP Surveys:



This data shows that regular alcohol and marijuana use has decreased among Groton youth over 10 years.

- Banned tobacco vending machines in 2002
- Passed Social Host Ordinance in 2005
- GASP named CCSUD Coalition of the Year in 2006
- SMART training for liquor permittees
- Established the Youth Advisory Council
- Adopted proven prevention programs
- Used "Be the Wall" campaign targeted at parents and "Majority Rules" campaign targeted at students.

- Help strengthen drug-related policies and laws
- Increase awareness of drug-use dangers
- Decrease access to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs
- Increase awareness of alcohol-related laws among parents
- Improve connections to community, school, friends and family
- Improve self-esteem and build positive communication skills

What We've Done:

What We Plan to Do: