

Who We Are

Community coalitions are local working groups of parents, prevention specialists, businesses, educators, faith based and civic groups, media, youth, healthcare, government officials and organizations, treatment professionals and substance abuse counselors, volunteer and youth serving organizations.

Most local coalitions are Drug Free Community (DFC) grantees affiliated with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

How We Do It

CCOVA works on its mission by:

- advocating on behalf of the statewide prevention community for laws, policies and ordinances aimed at responsible decision-making based on best practices in the prevention field with a measurable impact.
- fostering collaboration among prevention organizations.
- encouraging mobilization of communities for prevention activities and strategies.
- supporting its partners in their work to change ingrained community norms and a state culture that either openly or inadvertently enables alcohol abuse by adults and underage drinking by our youth.
- building cooperative partnerships in support of prevention strategies with state agencies, non-profit organizations, associations, schools and communities.
- working towards systematic data collection to assess needs and measure outcomes.
- providing trainings on prevention strategies.

Benefits to Members

- Training and capacity-building for youth around proven prevention strategies.
- Opportunities to become prevention provider partners throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Updates on funding opportunities, jobs, volunteer opportunities and internships.
- Timely and relevant information on state and national legislation and the progress of bills.
- Educational training and technical assistance in the development of prevention strategies and sustainability.
- Access to the CCOVA website.
- Opportunities for information-sharing, networking and mentoring from other community coalition leaders.



How To Join

Please check your topic(s) of interest:

- Advocacy
 Evaluation
 Partnership Development
 Education

Membership:

Please check appropriate box(es):	Price
Agencies/Schools	\$300
Nonprofit Organizations	\$150
Community Coalitions	\$200
Individual	\$ 50
Youth	\$ 20
Scholarships	\$25
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Community Coalitions
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History

Several community organizers joined together in the summer of 2008, to strengthen advocacy efforts for substance abuse prevention programs in Virginia. This represented large and small, rural and urban communities. Their primary purpose was to combine their ideas, strengths, experience, compassion, and enthusiasm to create a single organization committed to promoting the prevention and reduction of the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The result is CCOVA.

Mission

The Community Coalitions of Virginia (CCOVA) works collaboratively to prevent and reduce substance abuse and related risk factors in Virginia communities in ways that are measurable and that improve quality of life.

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