

PreventionWorkKS

Community prevention coalition representatives from across Kansas gathered in Salina on April 15th for their second meeting of 2016. This second meeting was planned and facilitated primarily by the newly formed Steering Committee and supported by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and the Kansas Prevention Collaborative.

The Steering Committee of PreventionWorkKS is composed of members of community coalitions representing a balance of community size, geography, and behavioral health promotion and prevention focus areas. This group provides guidance to the full coalition, and will also benefit from expertise and influence offered by members of PreventionWorkKS. Serving on the Steering Committee are Sondra Borth, Reno County Communities That Care; Andy Brown, Kansas Mental Health Coalition; Paige Crum, Haysville Healthy Habits; Codi Manning, Rossville Safe Streets; Joy Mark, Marion County Substance Abuse Prevention; Paul Sanford, South Central Problem Gambling Task Force; and Mende Barnett, KDADS Prevention.

With an intentional focus on more opportunities for connection in this second meeting, representatives continued to build on the momentum developed in January. Both, the Executive Director of Reno County Communities That Care, reflected, "It was a great chance to come together and learn and network with our peers across the state."

PreventionWorkKS has also been the driving force for the monthly prevention webinar series, PreventionTalkKS. Find out more about this effort here: [PreventionTalkKS](#).



FIVE INITIAL PURPOSES



Supportive mentoring and collaboration



The Coalition will offer a place for a shared voice and access to key change agents



The synergistic opportunities of statewide projects, pooling of resources, unifying voice and collaborative impact that will leverage other opportunities



Opportunities with strength in numbers, elevating successes, and sharing statewide and local data



Integration of approaches of behavioral health promotion and prevention across the continuum of care