

NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Coalition Meetings

September Meeting:
September 22, 2026 |
6:30 on Zoom

October Meeting:
TBA

November Meeting:
TBD

Coalition News & Updates

DFC Year 3: On September 30, 2026, we officially enter year 3 of our Drug-Free Community grant! In year 3 we will continue implementing prevention initiatives as well as turning our attention to sustainability. This will help us identify strategies and sources of funding to allow WPC to continue providing prevention services to the community.



Fun Fall Activities



- Apple picking
- Carving pumpkins
- Leaf peeping
- Read a book
- Go on a nature hike
- Bake or cook a new recipe
- Watch football
- Go bowling
- Ride a bike

Recently Launched: “Guardrails, Not Roadblocks” Parent Communication Campaign

Recently we launched a new parent marketing campaign, “Guardrails, Not Roadblocks”, in partnership with MassCALL3 Prevention Partners.

“Guardrails, Not Roadblocks” encourages parents/caregivers to:

- **Talk** with the children in their life about expectations surrounding substance use.
- **Connect** with other parents to share expectations, beliefs, and exchange parenting ideas
- **Take Action** to keep alcohol and other substances locked up and out of reach of youth.

This past summer you may have seen our lawn signs (24!), posters, and/or our posts on social media. Please feel free to share these messages!



Prevention Tip: Reminders for Parents for Productive Talks

- The goal is not to prove who is right, but to build connection. Take a pause if things are getting heated.
- Approach the conversation calmly and stay calm.
- Be prepared to share ideas, whether that be with your child on good refusal strategies or with other parents on ways to share expectations.
- Emphasize that you are discussing this matter because you care!

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