

The Mayor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council (MSAPC) has been promoting drug, tobacco and alcohol prevention policies and programs for the City of Providence for over two decades. Originally created as a coalition in 1987 called the Providence Drug and Alcohol Abuse Network, it was renamed and reconstituted on July 29, 2003 by Providence Mayor David N. Cicilline.



The Council is the lead drug, tobacco and alcohol prevention voice and advisory body for the City of Providence. The Council makes recommendations to the Mayor and advocates for policies that prevent youth alcohol, tobacco and drug use and promote safe and healthy choices for kids in the City of Providence.



The vibrant and diverse Council membership is made up of more than 25 committed individuals and organizations from across the City that represent, and work with Providence youth to keep them healthy, safe, and able to reach their full potential.

Over the last several years the Mayor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council has made significant improvements in enforcement and compliance of underage drinking laws, supported environmental prevention policy change, and broadly expanded public education, community outreach and social norms around drug, tobacco and alcohol prevention.

The Mission of the MSAPC is to protect youth and prevent harmful alcohol, tobacco and drug use by:

- Implementing evidenced-based programs;
- Building awareness;
- Providing effective public education;
- Supporting comprehensive environmental strategies; and
- Promoting the health and wellness of individuals and communities.



The MSAPC envisions the City of Providence as a place where individuals can live healthy, productive lives and reach their full potential unhindered by the harmful effects of drugs, tobacco and alcohol. We envision a City that protects and supports youth in all aspects of their lives, where:

- Engaged parents bond with their children and provide structured environments;
- Schools provide evidenced-based curriculum to educate children and raise the awareness of youth on the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and empower them with skills to make positive choices;
- Supportive communities offer multiple options to bond with and engage youth;
- Responsible businesses do not sell or serve alcohol or tobacco to minors.