

MISSION

The mission of **MJCPC** is to reduce factors that lead to alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and increase resiliency factors of adolescents, children and families in high-risk environments in Jackson, Mississippi.

OBJECTIVES

- To assist neighborhoods in the area of community mobilization and organization
- To assist neighborhoods in initiating strategies to prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse
- To assist neighborhoods in combating crime, violence, domestic abuse, school dropouts
- To provide training to community residents that will empower them and increase self-sufficiency
- To enhance life-skills and resiliency in youth
- To link residents to needed services as identified



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Metro Jackson Community Prevention Coalition

Metro Jackson Community Prevention Coalition (MJCPC)

was formed in 1995 under the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) Community Prevention Initiative. Currently, MJCPC is funded by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. The Coalition is an expansion of Jackson Takes A Stand Community Partnership, an earlier CSAP five-year Community Partnership initiative. Currently, MJCPC is funded by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Its membership represents individuals from the business community, youth serving organizations, law enforcement agencies, grassroots, religious or fraternal organizations, civic and volunteer groups, health care professionals, state and local government and the primary state authority for substance abuse. Jackson State University, a Historically Black College and University with an urban mission, is the lead agency and fiscal agent.

Through its staff, partnership and network of volunteers, MJCPC provides:

- Community organization
- Training and presentations on substance abuse prevention, life-skills training to schools, churches, neighborhood associations, business and civic organizations, and
- Referral services which link residents with needed services.



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A.P.I.P.

The Adolescent Prevention/Intervention Program (APIP) is a series of workshops designed to help adolescents ages 10-17 develop life coping skills that reduce/prevent drug use, violence, school dropout and teen pregnancy. This program is implemented in the Henley-Young Juvenile Justice Center.



Summer Teen Camp

The MJCPC Summer Teen Camp is a week-long (4-5 days) residential life skills training program targeting middle school students (grades 6-8). The goal of the program is to provide youth with learning experiences that help them make healthy choices for a successful future.



Project ALERT

Project ALERT is an exemplary model program that is designed to reduce both the onset and regular use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and inhalants. Project ALERT will enable adolescents to understand the consequences of using drugs, develop reasons not to use, identify and counter pro-drug pressures, communicate with parents and recognize alternatives to substance abuse.

The Peer Educators Program

The Peer Educators Program is designed to train "drug-free" youth ages 13-20 to conduct trainings/presentations on life skills utilizing MJCPC resources. Our mission is to reduce risk factors that lead to alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and increase resiliency factors of youth in high risk environments in Jackson, Mississippi through our Peer Educators.



Prevention Presentations/Mini-Workshops

Prevention Presentations/Mini-Workshops are provided upon request. MJCPC offers age-appropriate culturally relevant training and presentations on substance abuse prevention, communication skills, decision-making skills, anger management, conflict resolution, personal power, self-esteem, money management, job readiness skills, etc., to schools, churches, neighborhood associations, businesses and civic organizations.

Women's Life Skills Health Project (Self-Help/Self-Care)

Women's Life Skills Health Project (Self-Help/Self-Care) model is used with women in domestic violence shelters, correctional facilities, alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs and other settings. Self-Help groups are designed to empower women to deal with physical, spiritual, and emotional issues. The model is premised on confidentiality, support and building capacity in women to solve their own problems.

