

# Counterdrug Joint Task Force Drug Demand Reduction Civil Operations



The mission of the Civil Operations program is to coach communities in delivering collaborative and effective strategies that create healthy citizens. The Civil Operations section of the Pennsylvania National Guard Counterdrug Joint Task Force began in 1995 with a mission to utilize the unique National Guard resources to help create and promote drug-free communities. All services have always been and continue to be at no-cost to the agency supported. Coalition development support exists to aid in the development of community based organizations while implementing effective prevention practices to reduce the illegal use of drugs. Educating coalitions on the Strategic Prevention Framework provides them with proven guidance for a highly functioning and sustainable coalition.

## Civil Operations Support

- **Coalition Coaching**  
Assist in the development of community based organizations while implementing effective prevention practices to reduce the illegal use of drugs. Educating coalitions on the Strategic Prevention Framework provides them with proven guidance for a powerful coalition.
- **Kaizen Implementation**  
A National Guard tool specifically designed for helping coalitions conduct a self-assessment, thus allowing for improvement in the community. A 35-minute survey produces immediate results for discussion to get everyone on the same page.
- **Youth Leadership and Coalition Development**  
Support camps, retreats, seminars, and programs that focus on building youth's leadership skills. The focus is on developing essential skills for a young person to be a productive member of society. Teamwork, problem solving, decision making, planning, communication and an individual sense-of-self are all emphasized during the coalition building training, Youth Have a Voice.
- **Suicide Prevention Training**  
Learn warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. This course is invaluable for parents, neighbors, leaders, co-workers, volunteers, and friends as young as 15 years old.
- **Informational Support**  
Presentations for the sole purpose of providing information about drug abuse or drug abuse programs. The Opioid Awareness Seminar educates school staff, as well as community members on the opioid epidemic, local drug trends, and available resources.



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