

RESOURCE GUIDE

Franklin Police/Fire	732.873.2300
Confidential Crime Hotline	732.873.TIPS
Emergency Services	911
NJ Poison Control	800.222.1222

BASIC SERVICES

First Baptist Community Development Corp.	732.247.0444
Franklin Board of Education	732.873.2400
Franklin Township Food Bank	732.246.0009
Franklin Township Parks & Rec	732.873.1991
Somerset County Action Program	732.846.8888

HEALTH SERVICES

Addictions Hotline of NJ	800.322.5525
Pregnancy Aid & Information Center	908.526.8121
Somerset Youth Shelter	908.526.6605
National Runaway Hotline	800.231.6946
Middle Earth	800.834.3890
Substance Abuse Services	800.322.5525
NJ Drug Hotline 14 Hours	800.225.0196
Somerset Treatment Services	908.722.1232
NJ AIDS/STD Hotline	800.624.2377
Addictions Hotline	800.322.5525
National Youth Crisis/Suicide Hotline	800.448.4663
Eating Disorders Hotline	800.931.2237
Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline	800.850.8078
Planned Parenthood	732.246.2411
Eric B. Chandler Health Center	732.235.6700
St. Peter's University Hospital	732.745.8600
Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center	732.828.3000
Women's Health & Counseling Center	908.526.2335

CRISIS & COUNSELING

24 Hour Emergency Hotline	908.526.4100
24 Hour Hotline	908.685.1122
RAINN (Rape Abuse Incest National Network)	800.656.4673
Catholic Charities	908.722.1881
Domestic Violence Hotline	800.572.SAFE
Division of Youth and Family Services	800.792.8610
Family & Community Services	732.356.1082
Family Crisis Intervention Unit	908.704.6330
Family Helpline	800.843.5437
Home Sharing	908.526.4663
National Runaway Hotline	800.231.6946
Psychiatric Emergency Screening	908.526.4100
Resource Center for Women & Their Families	908.359.0003
Richard Hall Community	
Mental Health Center Screening Service	908.725.2800

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The Franklin Township Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse embraces the community based process which aims to enhance the ability of the community to more effectively provide prevention and treatment services for substance abuse disorders. Based on a 2013 need assessment, the Franklin Alliance developed a 5-year plan to focus its efforts on underage drinking prevention. The Alliance identified peer influence and availability as the root causes linked to underage drinking and the contributing local conditions are influenced by friends & siblings, media influence, social access, and parental attitude. Through collaborative community efforts, the Alliance: promotes awareness and knowledge of the nature and extent of substance use, abuse, and addiction and their effects on individuals, families, and communities; provides a variety of prevention education programs, positive alternatives for use of leisure time, and information and referral for residents in need of mental health and substance abuse treatment services.



Leadership Development

The Alliance encourages the development of positive leadership skills, communication, decision making, peer pressure resistance, and relationship skills that develop social competencies, positive values, and contribute to personal development.

Project Graduation

Provides ATOD-free events and prevention education for the senior class of Franklin High School, provided by the FHS Project Graduation Committee, culminating with an all-night long celebration the night of graduation. Franklin High School has an average graduating class of 300+ students.

Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS)

The objective of the PBIS program is to reduce underage alcohol use by enhancing skills, improving school climate, and changing school based norms. The Alliance works to achieve this by increasing healthy attitudes and behaviors, celebrating healthy alcohol free behaviors, and addressing misperceptions that underage drinking is the norm. This program consists of a student and teacher driven awareness campaign with target marketing at students and parents such as school posters, banners, and community advertising. There are also a variety of parent-teacher presentations on prevention topics and afterschool family awareness activities.

Youth Council

The Youth Council gives community youth the opportunity to take on a leadership role by providing an open forum to foster communication, education, and information concerning youth and youth-related issues to YSC, MAPSA, the Township Council, and to the community. Students advise on the planning, policy, and programs where appropriate. They will be involved as an action-group in the Township in cooperation with other government Councils/Boards, and community programs. This program will allow for community service learning opportunities in response to the needs of the community and its youth.

Boys Council

Boys Council is a strength-based group approach to promote boys' and young men's safe, strong, and healthy passage through pre-teen and adolescent years. Boys Council meets a core developmental need in boys for strong, positive relationships. Boys and young men gain the opportunity to address masculine definitions and behaviors and build their capacities to find their innate value and create good lives — individually and collectively!

Peer to Peer

Peer to Peer utilizes peer-led activities to increase refusal skills in grades 9-12. Students involved in these activities will learn the benefits of an alcohol free environment, identify the influences that may encourage young people to try alcohol, and learn how to bring about change in the school and community, among many other skills. The Alliance supports a variety of peer to peer programs including Teen PEP, FHS/FMS Connections mentoring program, and Sisters in Training for Life.

Community Workshops

Community workshops regarding the dangers of the community and parents providing alcohol to minors and about New Jersey's social host laws. The Alliance holds a variety of substance abuse and related workshops, implements the Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign, and compiles and distributes fliers, brochures, and other prevention materials to disseminate information on prevention issues & initiatives.

Positive Social Norms Campaign

The Social Norms Campaign works with Franklin High School to reduce underage alcohol use and access to alcohol by changing community norms. This campaign celebrates healthy alcohol free behaviors, strives to correct misperceptions regarding underage drinking behaviors and attitudes, and strengthen individual desire to resist underage drinking. The hallmark of this program is the student driven prevention awareness campaign that targets marketing at teens and parents with promotional materials, school posters, and a community advertising campaign. Social norms posters and banners will become community fixtures in an effort to enhance community awareness regarding positive community norms.