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Lisa Patterson,

Converse County Prevention has been instrumental in working with community stakeholders to decrease substance use and abuse as well as improving community norms regarding alcohol use and misuse, tobacco use, and underage alcohol and tobacco use. As the community coordinator you have taken the initiative to reach out to the individuals and entities in the community that can help effect change.

Prevention has worked with law enforcement towards increasing compliance checks from two to four per year, as well as coordinating with the City Council to provide education and additional information to those applying for Temporary Use Permits.

Converse County Prevention and Public Health have worked together to develop and execute prevention presentations in the community.

I have been on the Prevention Alliance for several years, the monthly meetings are now well attended, the members provide constructive input in the strategic planning process and the resulting plan is a realistic approach in improving community norms and actions.

I personally worked very closely with Prevention and the Converse County Prevention Alliance to offer a Substance Free New Year's Eve event this year. You did an outstanding job coordinating with multiple community entities to provide volunteer support for the event. The event was attended by 356 members of the community and was well received.

In the past one–two years I have really noticed that people of all ages are starting to think differently about substance use/abuse and I have also noticed they are starting to make better choices.

Converse County Prevention is most definitely an asset to the community and continues to make strides in improving community outcomes.

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