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To Whom It May Concern,

We, the undersigned, submit this letter in support of our Prevention Management Organization here in Goshen County.

Among the many reasons why the PMO provides an absolutely necessary service here in Goshen County are:

1. The PMO has done extensive work on preventing underage and binge drinking through policy development with the school district, with Torrington City Council, all local law enforcement agencies, municipal judge, municipal attorney, county attorney, mental health providers, and the community as a whole.
2. The PMO partners with the First Lady's "Talk Early and Often" Campaign on Underage Drinking.
3. Through the PMO efforts, 161 Alcohol servers in Goshen County have successfully completed TIPS training in accordance with the City of Torrington's municipal ordinance to identify fake ID's, prevent over service and binge drinking and to facilitate improved communication with liquor dealers and local law enforcement.
4. The PMO provides tobacco education and disseminates information on all its forms including e-cigarettes and vaping devices for Torrington City Council, the Community Coalition, and amended policy for Goshen County School District.
5. Information and distribution of "Quit It" Tobacco Cessation booklets to local health care providers, dentists, and mental health centers is provided by the PMO.
6. The PMO has facilitated the creation and installation of 40 signs for public areas in the City of Torrington to inform users of the Tobacco Free Parks ordinance.
7. The PMO has purchased and installed a Prescription Drug Drop-box at the police station where area residents can dispose of their unused drugs safely thereby preventing potential misuse.
8. The PMO has developed successful Marijuana Education presentations that have been used by the Community Coalition, local law enforcement, mental health agencies and the school district.
9. The PMO has developed and supported the WASCOP and local law enforcement by educating parents and the community on marijuana usage.
10. The PMO has facilitated the training of nearly 300 providers in Goshen County in QPR Suicide Prevention. Among those receiving the training are school district Superintendent and staff, school board, area youth leaders, first responders, mental health providers, Afterschool Program staff and many community members. QPR Training is currently being scheduled for the 300+ staff members of the Wyoming Medium Correctional Center, Community Hospital staff, DFS and Peak Wellness center.

11. The PMO has successfully worked with the school district to revise School Policy on Suicide Prevention, Threat Assessment and Support.

12. The PMO continues to work with Student Council members and Leadership students on presentations highlighting Suicide Prevention and overall mental health.

13. The PMO is currently working on developing a strategic plan to present Suicide Postvention training through local organizations to the Torrington community. Two people are currently trained as Trainers in the CONNECT Suicide Prevention Model.










14. The PMO continues to provide presentations to local organizations on Suicide Prevention and Postvention.

15. The PMO is working with Peak Wellness Center to develop a Suicide Survivor Support Group to begin in March of 2016.

In conclusion, the Prevention Management Organization provides an invaluable service to the community in terms of awareness, education, and training that would otherwise not be available. The PMO facilitates a collaborative effort of community, health service providers, business, law-enforcement, the school district, mental health providers and other community resources to make this community healthier and safer for all of its residents.

Sincerely,

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