

Renville Alliance for Prevention of Alcohol and Drugs (RAPAD)

Article I. Title

The name of this organization is: The Renville Alliance for Prevention of Alcohol and Drugs (RAPAD).

Article II. Purpose

Vision Statement: Renville County youth living substance free.

Mission Statement: Engage Renville County members in reducing underage substance use through awareness, policy, enforcement, education and training.

1. The overall purpose of the Coalition is to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by youth in Renville County through education, information and advocacy to all county residents.
2. To work in cooperation with county agencies, units of government, public and private agencies and interested citizens who share similar interests in addressing the alcohol and drug prevention needs of children and adolescents in the county.
3. To identify alcohol and drug prevention needs in Renville County; coordinate efforts with other organizations and citizen groups; support similar efforts through technical assistance and resource sharing to achieve maximum effectiveness for their efforts.
4. To cooperate with human service agencies operating in Renville County and coordinate the local effort with similar efforts and programming at the state level.

Article III. Membership

1. Membership will be open to all interested residents of Renville County or staff of agencies that provide services to residents of the County.
2. The intent of the Coalition is to include membership from a cross section of county residents, including but not limited to: parents, youth, business community, media, schools, youth serving organizations, law enforcement agencies, spiritual or fraternal organizations, civic and volunteer groups, healthcare professionals, local units of government, and all other organizations involved in reducing abuse. Membership is to include representation from all cultures in the county.
3. Members are asked to commit to regular attendance of meetings, and support coalition efforts taking place in their communities and county.

Article IV. Committees

1. Standing committees can be established as needed through a vote of the Coalition. Standing committees can be formed to more effectively address the needs of a specific community, or to work in more detail on a specific topic.
2. Standing committees will report to the full Coalition and work within the mission and guidelines established by the Coalition.

3. Work committees can be established to address specific topics or short term issues. Work committees can be formed by either a Standing committee or the full Coalition. All Work committees need to operate under the mission and guidelines of the Coalition.

Article V. Decision Making

1. Decisions are made by a majority vote of coalition members at scheduled meetings in support of the Mission and purpose of the Coalition.

2. Any decisions made by a Standing committee or work group formed on the request of the County Coalition are final only after full Coalition approval. The Coalition may designate certain decisions to be made by an approved work group or Standing committee.

Article VI. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended only at an officially called meeting of the Renville County Coalition. Amendments to these bylaws need to be outlined 30 days in advance of the scheduled meeting, and takes a majority of those present at the meeting for approval.

It is expected that the Bylaws will need changing and modifications as the Coalition continues to grow in its scope and complexity.

Date of Approval by Renville County Chemical Health Coalition: _____