

Meet Drug-Free Task Force Member Peggy Dowd

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CAREER OVERVIEW

Peggy graduated from Cabrini College with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Human Resource Management. For over 17 years she worked as a benefits systems consultant for Towers Perrin, handling much of the training and development needs.

For many years Peggy dedicated time to raising her 4 children, volunteering with her Church, the Flemington-Raritan PTOs and Girls Scouts.

Peggy volunteered at community events for many years prior to joining Prevention Resources in 2010. The programming she was involved with left such a lasting impression on Peggy, that she is now working as the Program Director for One Voice of Hunterdon County, in addition to serving as the Opioid workgroup lead, grant writer and coordinator for the CARA grant at PR. Peggy enjoys her time with her family, cooking, theater, golf and tennis.

SERVICE TO THE TASK FORCE

As the One Voice project director and our faith sector representative, Peggy brings a unique perspective to the discussion and strategy table. Her relationships within the faith community help the Drug-Free Task Force to connect to religious leaders and members of local churches & temples, who offer their insight on how the use of faith as a protective factor can assist in keeping our youth healthy, safe & drug free. Acting as a liaison, Peggy creates a bridge that continues to flourish and has become an integral piece in event planning and implementation for the Drug-Free Task Force.



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Our 5 Key Questions with Peggy Dowd

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DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES OR FAVORITE TRAVEL DESTINATIONS? IF SO, WHAT/WHERE ARE THEY?

I love to play golf, tennis and most recently have discovered pickleball! Many times, golf is a part of our vacation, we love to play in Myrtle Beach, Outer Banks, and Florida and would one day love to play over in Scotland. Other travel destinations on my bucket list are Greece and the Galapagos Islands.

2

WHAT IS AN INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOU?

I have 29 first cousins. I didn't think growing up that was out of the ordinary, but now I see how special it is. We are all still very close and I'm lucky that when I travel places, I always seem to have a cousin in the area!

3

IF YOU COULD EAT A MEAL WITH SOMEONE PAST OR PRESENT, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

Wow this is a hard one, but since it is a meal, I would have to go with a great chef, I like recipes from Ina Garten or Jamie Oliver. I love to cook so maybe in addition to enjoying dinner, I could learn a thing or two!

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WHY ARE YOU INVOLVED IN OUR COALITION? WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

I have been involved in coalition work for over 10 years now, and it is always changing. I am continually learning new things, whether it be about a new drug threat or an awesome resource in our community that I did not know about. The people that I have met along the way through coalition work have inspired me, challenged me outside my comfort zone, and continue to provide hope and positivity despite some of the realities of the effects of substance use disorder. Coalition work is honestly the best way to get to know the true leaders in our community and with that comes a great sense of appreciation, and motivation to make a difference.

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DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE OUR COALITION MORE EFFECTIVE AND CONTINUE TO GROW?

I always say that so many people who come to the table are of like mindset, I'd love to have people come that maybe disagree to hear their perspective and possibly change minds. Also, we need to keep asking how do we reach those kids who are most in need.