

# COMMUNITY PREVENTION SERVICES

## Overview

The Charleston Center provides Community Prevention services to area schools, coalitions and community organizations to assist in providing alcohol, drug and risk reduction education to the community.

Charleston Center Prevention Specialists are available for speaking engagement at no charge. Prevention staff participates in annual community and school-based events.

## Contact Information

For more information or to request the services of a Prevention Specialist, contact:

Laiken Heavner (843) 958-3409

## Programs & Services

### Life Skills

Botvin LifeSkills Training (LST) is a research-validated substance abuse prevention program proven to reduce the risks of alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse, and violence by targeting the major social and psychological factors that promote the initiation of substance use and other risky behaviors. This program provides adolescents and young teens with the confidence and skills necessary to successfully handle challenging situations.

### Tobacco Education Program

The South Carolina Tobacco Education Program (SC TEP) is offered as an alternative to students who face suspension for violation of a school tobacco-use policy or who break the law. It is unlawful for a minor under the age of 21 to purchase, possess or attempt to possess tobacco products and/or to present false proof of age in order to purchase a tobacco product.

## Palmetto Retailers Education Program (PREP)

The Palmetto Retailers Education Program (PREP) is a short course that helps reduce underage access to alcohol and tobacco products in our communities, while also lowering the liability risks for businesses and their employees. PREP is available for managers and servers/sellers in all 46 South Carolina counties.

PREP is the **only** merchant education program available in South Carolina that covers all of the following:

- Off-Premise Alcohol Sales Practices
- On-Premise Alcohol Sales Practices
- Tobacco Sales Practices
- Development of Manager/Supervisor Sales Policies
- Meth Watch



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