

The Coalition for a Community of Caring

~BUILDING A HEALTHY COMMUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH~

Since 2008, *The Coalition for a Community of Caring* has brought together local service agencies, faith groups, schools, families and youth, to build a safe, healthier community for all. Our mission is to support the **Community of Caring Program** whose 5 core values of **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, TRUST, CARING, AND FAMILY**, empower people to be responsible and caring members of their community. Through assessment, collaboration, and effective program planning, The Coalition helps provide positive and creative opportunities and resources, especially around substance abuse prevention, for the youth of Uxbridge and surrounding towns.

**Please help support this community wide effort
and become involved in The Coalition for a Community of Caring!!**

Uxbridge is a small close knit community, with many strengths and achievements that we want to celebrate, encourage, and expand upon. We are also aware of issues our youth are facing: delinquency, substance abuse, truancy, high school drop out, poverty, family problems, and mental health issues like depression and anxiety.



The Coalition looks closely at our strengths and assets, as well as our needs, with the overall goal of providing resources for our youth and their families. We are also working closely with the Uxbridge Public schools, their evidenced based character education program, "The Community of Caring," and Community of Caring student groups.

We believe it takes a community wide effort to raise our children; to provide opportunities for them to grow into productive and caring citizens who in turn will give back to the community that took care of them. ***It's the Ripple Effect!***

**Meetings are held the 2nd Friday of the month
at The Uxbridge High School from 9:30-10:30am.**

All are welcome to attend!!

Meeting dates for 2011-2012:

9/9, 10/14, 11/18(3rd Fri due to Veterans Day), 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8

**If you have questions/concerns/suggestions or
would like more information, please contact:**

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Uxbridge High School Adjustment Counselor**

Remember...it takes a community to raise a child!!

MEMBERS & AFFILIATES:

Parents

Youth

Uxbridge Public Schools:

Administration

Health Teachers

School Committee

School Adjustment Counselors

School Resource Officers

Uxbridge Police Department

Central Mass Center for Healthy Communities

The District Attorney's Office

Uxbridge Public Library

Family Continuity Programs

Worcester Providence Counseling Services

Department of Youth Services

Department of Child and Family

The Arts

Tri-River Health Center

The Uxbridge Senior Center

You Inc-GED Program

Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Ed Foundation

Blackstone Valley Art Association

SADD

Milford Adolescent Clinic

CHNA 6

West Hill Dam

Healthy Families

SPONSORED ACTIVITIES TO DATE

- Provided plant give-aways for *Community Garden Day, spring 2009*
- Secured grant funding for 2009 & 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey that UHS & Whitin Middle students completed. Hosted Community presentation in Spring 2010, 2012 TBA. Aired on public cable.
- Helped sponsor Judson Liapply, motivational speaker and creator of You Tube hit-"Evolution of Dance" who presented to UHS spring 2009 after sudden death of Superintendent/Principal, Mr. Stefanilo.
- Provided T-Shirts for "Art Gives Hope" middle school students for *World Smile Day* where they passed out smiley face stickers to elementary school.
- Sponsored 7 coalition members to attend *Safe School Summit* Oct 2009
- Helped sponsor *Yellow Dress and Remote Control* plays for UPS High School and Middle School for Feb 2010. Developed panel discussion for presentations.
- Invited members to attend UPS professional development workshops from **The Community of Caring Program** June and August, 2009.
- Established Coalition team, including students, that graduated from year long state training program "The Massachusetts Forum for Creating Healthier Communities."
- Presented workshop at annual *Healthy Communities* conference on "Building Relationships Between Schools and Communities," hosted table, and received a Principle Award for "*Youth Development and Leadership.*"
- Initiated community meeting on substance abuse needs, collaborating with the New Beginnings Program, Tri-River, Family Continuity Programs, Community Impact/JAG, and Uxbridge Schools.
- Developed Steering Committee and published Operating Principles
- Developed Art Show/Bus Tour Committee which included conducting a Community Bus Tour in May 2010 as part of The Coalition's needs assessment which made front page news!
- Hosted story hour at Uxbridge library in support of Red Ribbon Week, art and crafts with youth, gave away placemats about drug free lifestyle.
- Participated in Uxbridge First Night parade and celebration, Dec 2010

PRESENTORS AT COALITION HAVE INCLUDED:

- ◆ National Guard Drug Prevention Program-led to implementing program in middle school and for alternative school, Mosaic Mill Program
- ◆ Dr. Medina, from Tri River: substance abuse prevention grant initiative to collaborate with Coalition
- ◆ You Inc.'s Family Support Network Program
- ◆ Central Mass Workforce summer program which helped employ 100 at risk youth for summer 2009.
- ◆ Central Mass Center for Healthy Communities
- ◆ Family Continuity Program: regarding Child Behavioral Health Initiative