



# Communities That Care

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## CTC's Vision

Our vision is to provide a community in which all area youth feel safe and connected; a community in which youth are empowered to be healthy, resilient, and compassionate members of society; and a community in which young people positively contribute and impact future generations.

## Upcoming Events

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# HEALTHY KIDS DAY®

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

For 30 years, Healthy Kids Day has been where fun and play become lifelong memories. Join us April 30 for a day of healthy, fun activities that celebrate kids being kids!

**NOW**

Marinette-Menominee YMCA  
1600 West Drive, Menominee, MI  
906-863-9983  
www.mmymca.org

**FREE**  
& Open to the Public!

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## Virtual Underage Drinking Education Event

KEYNOTE SPEAKER **MAY 9-13, 2022**

Limited Space... Register by May 6th, 2022!

**Kathi SULLIVAN**

KATHI WILL BE SHARING HER DAUGHTER'S STORY WITH THE HOPES THAT HER MESSAGE WILL ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ON THE DANGERS OF UNDERAGE DRINKING AND POOR CHOICES.

Other topics include alcohol and brain development, strategies, and answering youths' tough questions

*Your Turn to learn*

Open to any adults and parents with youth in their lives who attend K-12 in Wausaukee, North Central, or Goodman school districts

Receive a **\$50 GIFT CARD** upon completion

**MUST have (or create) a Google e-mail to participate**

An Alcohol Awareness Program Taylor Lee Meyer

CTC will have a table at Healthy Kid's Day- for families with children aged 0-12 Hope to see you there!

This event is focused on Wausaukee, North Central & Goodman School Districts. This event will be duplicated in other locations at a later time!

# Our Workgroups



## Data

Over the last quarter, this workgroup has focused on presenting data to the community. This was done through a combination of in-person and virtual meetings. Each interested group received a tailored presentation based on their role in the community. More presentations or other avenues of distributing the data in a usable format will be considered at upcoming meetings. In addition to these presentations, we have begun submitting data points (ideally more positive data points) to the Outreach workgroup in order to assist with their social media posts.



## Funding

In February, our second annual Youth Ice Fishing Derby was held at Red Arrow Park in Marinette. Despite bitter cold weather, the turnout was great and the catches were even better. This year brought our first experience with fish stocking. One hundred rainbow trout were planted on site about an hour before the event. The kids caught almost 50 percent of the fish that were planted. According to the hatchery director, this was amazing and adults would be hard pressed to replicate their results. There were a lot of smiling faces that day, and many left with raffle prizes and fish in their coolers.



## Outreach and Maintenance

Outreach and Maintenance wrapped up the Youth Fishing Derby advertising and sent thank you notes. This group continues to make Facebook posts and updates to the website.

## Our Executive Committee

The Executive Committee approved the revised bylaws for the coalition, ensuring our strategies written into our DFC plan are being completed and are on time, and that we continue to progress towards our goals and objectives of the grant.



CTC Chair

Jennifer Flatt



Justin Wreblewski

CTC Vice-Chair



Our Coordinators

Kristianne Jespersen



Candy Ambroski



## Alcohol & Tobacco Products/ Policy



This group has many responsibilities and has been working on the following:

- Courageous Persuaders videos have been submitted, but we are still waiting to hear back on the results. Videos can be viewed on the HYC website [www.mmhyc.org](http://www.mmhyc.org).
- The presentation from our keynote speaker, Kathi Sullivan, has been received and the workgroup is currently building the Google Classroom for the Underage Drinking Town Hall that will be offered in May. It will be open to the first 40 people who register and are located in the area the "Your Turn to Learn" project is targeting. The workgroup decided that it would be best to target a few districts at once with "Your Turn to Learn". This project will target one area this spring, three areas in the fall of 2022, and another three in 2023 until all areas in the two counties are covered.
- The Youth Summit has been postponed until October. Jake White will be the keynote presenter and will lead the event, however, the workgroup is still searching for a location.
- Both sheriffs in Marinette and Menominee have drafted a letter addressed to parents on the consequences of providing alcohol to minors to be delivered as the prom and graduation season approaches.
- Workgroup member, Erin Kiraly, continues to work with local school districts on updating tobacco policies in three school districts. This has been an ongoing project. She and Mary Bauer are working on recording sessions for the Catch My Breath curriculum which will be presented to fifth-grade classrooms.
- Tobacco compliance checks are in the works, but nothing is scheduled yet. Alcohol compliance checks will be completed by the Sheriff's Dept.
- CTC is looking to partner with one new community organization to promote their local, alcohol-free youth nights/community events. This will be discussed at the April meeting.

