

# Welcome!

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Thank you for your interest in becoming part of Communities That Care of Marinette and Menominee Counties. We are excited to have you on board!

Following are the next steps to take to become an active member of CTC:

**Step 1:** Review the information included in the Welcome Packet and Pre-Orientation Video

**Step 2:** Choose a potential work group or groups to attend based on your interests, skills and experience.

**Step 3:** Contact the CTC Coordinators to obtain the meeting dates of the work group(s) you have selected. Sign up to attend a new member orientation to learn about the CTC process.

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# What is CTC?

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- Communities That Care is a system that brings together community members to create a healthier environment for kids and teens to grow up in.
- It uses data from OUR community to identify risk factors for dangerous behavior that OUR kids and teens are dealing with.
- It helps OUR community develop a focused, long-range action plan for building on existing resources and filling any gaps with new resources.
- It helps OUR community put programs in place to address the risk factors for OUR kids and teens.
- It helps to define clear, measurable outcomes that are tracked over time to show progress and accountability.
- The Communities That Care system is research-based and proven to enhance communities.

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[www.communitiesthatcare.net](http://www.communitiesthatcare.net)

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# Our Vision

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***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.***

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# Our Priorities

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In order to determine where CTC's efforts should be focused, the community was asked to vote and over 1100 community members submitted their ballot to determine which protective or risk factors they believed were critical. Although all of the noted risk and protective factors are important, it is necessary to narrow the scope in order to have the greatest impact. Based on the community vote, below are the risk and protective factors that our CTC will be working on.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR PRO-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR**

Positive opportunities and participation for youth equals less poor behavior choices.

## **POOR FAMILY MANAGEMENT**

Lack of clear behavior expectations, parent failure to supervise and monitor children, and inconsistent or severe and harsh punishment.

## **FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD DRUG USE**

If youth believe that families and/or our community accepts drug and excessive alcohol use as normal and okay, they are more likely to start using these substances at an early age



# Our Action Plan

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**WORK IN  
PROGRESS**  

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**COMING SOON!**  




# CTC Work Groups

**Risk and Protective Factor Assessment (DATA):** This workgroup collects and reviews youth survey and public data to help the community board select priority youth outcomes and priority risk and protective factors. This group also monitors changes in community-level outcomes over time.

**Outreach:** This workgroup is responsible for promoting the CTC system and educating and updating key leaders and the community about the work of the coalition.

**Funding:** This workgroup identifies funding needs and manages the acquisition of public and private funds to support the work of the coalition.

**Youth Involvement:** This workgroup recruits youth for all aspects of the CTC effort. The workgroup partners with the Healthy Youth Coalition to provide programming and youth activities in the school and community.

**Maintenance** This workgroup builds and sustains a healthy and effective coalition.

**Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention:** This workgroup is unique to our community and was added in as an optional 7th workgroup. This group focuses not only on suicide prevention but also mental health concerns of our community.

**Resource:** This workgroup is responsible for identifying current community services that address the priority risk and protective factors. The group looks for service delivery gaps and recommends solutions. This workgroup also designs and oversees monitoring and evaluation of the programs and policies under the

