

HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION

Established in 1994, the Waterford Coalition for Youth began as an independent community task force that developed from Waterford Youth Assistance as a response to increases in adolescent crime and delinquency. By 1997, the Coalition achieved its non-profit status and launched several prevention programs geared toward healthy lifestyle choices for youth. The Coalition is committed to pro-active education for parents and families, and strives to connect the community together in creating a safe, drug free, healthy environment for our family and neighbors.



MISSION STATEMENT



The Waterford Coalition for Youth is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that promotes a safe and healthy way of life for our youth by supporting activities that reduce the risks associated with adolescent problems, high risk behaviors and substance abuse.

WHY A COALITION

Education - To raise awareness in the community about the issues affecting our youth and how to promote positive change.

Connection - To create common goals in our citizens and business owners relevant to the safety and health of our youth, which affects our entire community.



Involvement - To offer opportunities to become connected with the vast number of sectors in our community, including parents, youth, education, law enforcement, government, colleges and universities, health and human services, volunteer organizations and senior citizens.

Prevention - To work not only as a reaction to the changing climate of our community, but to build preventative strategies to positively affect the choices our youth and citizens make.



MEETINGS

General membership meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Waterford School District Covert Center, 1150 Scott Lake Road (across from Waterford Mott High School.) When the first Monday of the month falls on a holiday, or school is closed due to inclement weather, the meetings are generally held the second Monday of the month. Please call to confirm at 248-618-7424.



FUNDING

The Coalition is a member of the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities (achcmi.org) which consists of 16 networking coalitions serving over 40 Oakland County communities. Together we work to keep youth and families safe and healthy. Coalitions receive a small annual grant through the ACHC in partnership with the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority (occmha.org) and heavily depend on support from private sponsorships of the Coalition's



community events and in-kind assistance. The Coalition's office is located in the Waterford Police Department.

OUR WORK

The Coalition works to provide ongoing education and support for families and youth in the community on a variety of high risk issues affecting youth, providing opportunities for families to spend time together in a safe and healthy environment. This sets a positive example for our youth. We serve as a resource referral organization, helping to connect students and families in need with the appropriate agencies to assist them.

Events and prevention initiatives include but are not limited to:

- Academic Success
- Anti-bullying
- 5K Zombie Run and Mini-Monster Mile
- Be the Solution (Prescription Drugs)
- Campus Safety Training
- Clear the Smoke
- Distracted Driving
- Drug Take-Back Day
- Job Shadowing Day
- Mental Health/Depression
- Movies Under the Moonlight
- Music Instrument Loan Program
- Parents Who Host Lose the Most
- Police Department Collaborations
- Project Backpack
- Project Sticker Shock
- Resource Connecting
- Safe Party Planning
- Shop with a Hero
- Social Media/Internet Safety
- Substance Abuse
- The Taste of Waterford
- Tobacco/Alcohol Compliance Checks
- Waterford Memorial Day Parade
- Youth Group/Citizen of the Year
- Youth Volunteerism in the Community

**WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN DO
SO MUCH MORE!**

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

We work with the Waterford Police Department, 51st District Court, Waterford School District, Waterford Township Government, Waterford Fire Department, Waterford Chamber of Commerce, Local Media, Community Youth, Parents, Counseling Agencies, Faith, Medical and Senior sectors.



MAKE YOUR CONNECTION

All are welcome. No experience is necessary; only the desire to promote a safe and healthy way of life for our youth and families here in Waterford. Volunteer, attend meetings and events, offer new ideas, donate your time and resources, sponsor events, communicate with friends and family about the WCFY and its mission. Be a positive role model for youth.



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*We are all connected . . .
We are all affected.*