



**Vision:**  
Positive Action - Positive Results

**Mission:** Working together to prevent youth alcohol and drug use.

Continuing our mission to

prevent  
drug use

in Waukesha County



**Who we are:** a coalition of more than 100 individuals with the goal of preventing youth substance use. Anyone can join. We represent a cross-section of our community – parents, youth, educators, health-care, law enforcement, the business community and representatives of city, county, state and federal governments.



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Drug Free Communities (DFC) is a federal grant-funded program through the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Waukesha County UW Cooperative Extension serves as coordinator and fiscal agent for the Waukesha County Drug Free Communities grant.



# What we do

Waukesha County Drug Free Communities works through committees to accomplish specific goals. For example, we work with school districts, parents, health-care workers, law enforcement officers and others to reduce the supply of drugs in the community and educate youth, families, teachers and others about the consequences and realities of substance abuse. We do this by:

- collecting and disposing of unused prescription drugs;
- holding community forums on youth substance abuse;
- reaching local students through interactive prevention programs;
- creating campaigns to positively influence parents and youth to make good choices;
- working to keep alcohol-licensed retailers from serving alcohol to youth
- and many other strategies.



## Background & history

A renewable federal grant funds the Waukesha County Drug Free Communities program. Waukesha County UW Cooperative Extension serves as coordinator and fiscal agent of the program, started in 2008.

Our goal is to build a self-sustaining coalition that will continue working together to prevent youth alcohol and drug use long after the grant ends.



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## Measuring success

We use many tools to evaluate the success of Waukesha County's Drug Free Communities project, including the following:

- Student behavior surveys conducted by school districts will evaluate youth drug and alcohol use over time.
- Parental surveys, focus groups and assessments will gauge community attitudes.
- Coalition coordinators and members participate in ongoing training to assess prevention needs, build community capacity and plan, implement and evaluate prevention programs.
- A federal project officer assigned to our community oversees our project and conducts periodic evaluations.

