

Hartford Project Care

In 2004 the call went out to residents of Hartford. Too many kids were getting involved in high-risk behaviors and something needed to be done about it. Parents, students, business and civic leaders as well as members of the educational, faith, medical, recreation and law enforcement communities answered that call and Hartford Project Care was born.

The coalition, with a current active membership of approximately thirty individuals, has since worked to educate the entire community about the issues that its young people face - from early sexual activity to drug and alcohol abuse, to lack of supervision and adult role modeling. In early 2004, the coalition televised a roundtable discussion on the local Cable station to outline the issues.

Since then, this group of concerned adults and teens has worked to educate everyone in the community about the value of building assets in the young people in Hartford. The more assets a child has, the less likely he/she is to engage in high-risk behaviors. And, the more likely they are to become successful, responsible adults in the community.

This year, the coalition is working to secure funding to bring a trainer from the Search Institute in Minneapolis to town to educate even more community leaders about the 40 developmental Assets. The goal is to give more people, adults and teens alike, the tools that they need to help the young people in Hartford develop assets and find success.

If you are interested in joining the Project Care Coalition in Hartford, please call Julie Wolf at 262-335-6886. Or, visit www.hartfordprojectcare.com.