

Accomplishments

In 2005, Greater Waterville was named One of America's Best Communities for Young People.



Recent grants:

- ≈ Drug Free Communities support program \$100,000/yr for 5 years
- ≈ Essential Substance Abuse Services \$82,500 for 18 months
- ≈ Service to Science research grant for \$30,000 for the Boomerang Program
- ≈ Healthy Maine Partnership grant for \$22,667
- ≈ Bank of America grant for after school support for \$6,400
- ≈ In partnership with Hardy Girls Healthy Women, over \$100,000 was raised to fund the "Ugly Ducklings" play, documentary film, and Community Action Kit

Overview We are unique in our ability to bring organizations and individuals together to fill gaps in services for children and youth.

Our work is based on "best practices" in prevention and positive youth development and promotes pooling resources among organizations to diminish duplication and overhead.

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Areas Served

We serve the Greater Waterville Area, the school systems of SAD 47, SAD 49, SU 52, Waterville Public Schools and the towns of Albion, Belgrade, Benton, China, Clinton, Fairfield, Oakland, Rome, Sidney, Waterville, Winslow, and Vassalboro.



GREATER
WATERVILLE AREA
COMMUNITIES FOR
CHILDREN & YOUTH



The Mission of the Greater Waterville Communities for Children & Youth is to measurably improve the lives of children and youth in the Greater Waterville area by fostering community collaboration.

Vision



Our vision is that the Children and Youth in the greater Waterville

communities are safe, happy and nurtured, healthy, respected, and ready to enter school to succeed. Our youth are free of substance abuse and violence, succeed in higher education and are prepared to enter the workforce and inspired to give back to their communities.

Primary Efforts

- ≈ Substance abuse prevention
- ≈ Bullying and harassment prevention
- ≈ Expanding quality after school programming for academically challenged students
- ≈ Development and sustainability of Colby Cares About Kids College Mentoring



Programs

Olweus Bullying Prevention (OBP) Program

- ≈ Local, school-based, program in 5 local schools
- ≈ Effective in reducing behavioral incidents
- ≈ Effective in creating safer school climates
- ≈ Effective in affecting positive change in youth attitudes and behaviors

Communities Mobilizing for Change in Alcohol (CMCA)

- ≈ Community-based program
- ≈ Works to effect policy and enforcement
- ≈ Work with local law enforcement, community members, retailers and municipalities
- ≈ Multiple youth groups working on school climate, nutrition, physical activity, and substance abuse

Boomerang

- ≈ For first time offenders of underage substance abuse laws
- ≈ Includes prevention and intervention as a means of dealing with the first time offense
- ≈ Involves family as well as youth

Programs

After School Aspirations Program (ASAP) A 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Program

After School Academic Mentoring

- ≈ Improving Reading, Math and Writing scores in low-income, at risk elementary age students through mentoring at select program sites

After School and Community Programming

- ≈ Increase fine, cultural and performing arts, fitness, recreation, and community service opportunities after school for youth ages 5-18 in partnership with schools and community organizations
- ≈ Programs include Youth Expressions, Historic and Cultural Dance, Shakespeare Summer Camp, Music Mentoring, and Summer Jazz Music Camp

Colby Cares About Kids (CCAK)

Colby College Mentoring Program with Mentors from Colby College and Mentees at 13 sites in the Greater Waterville Area, with over 350 student matches

- ≈ Mentor connection networking sessions
- ≈ Access to high quality training in youth asset development