

## **Awareness Day**

May 18, 2006

March 19, 2007

The Oconto County Partnership asked the Marinette Partnership to join them in conducting a joint AODA Awareness Day. Wally Hitt asked Menominee County to be part of it as we recently formed a Healthy Youth Coalition and had written a grant to hire a coordinator and had some funds for this purpose. However, the new coordinator was expecting and had to be confined to bed two months before the birth and was off six weeks after, so we could not go with the March date as first planned. We invited 600 students. Having to change the date caused several problems resulting in a low turn out.

Twenty high school districts were invited, but only nine sent students and far fewer than expected. It was the only date we could get for using the campus and it was just before high school exams and several schools have a policy of not allowing students to be excused in late May. However, we did have about 100 teens and as the evaluation shows, they found it very beneficial. The negative was that Oconto County had been running a successful Awareness Day for several years and joined with Marinette due to finances and students who had attended it in the past rightly said this was not as great. Due to the low numbers most of the breakout sessions were canceled. The grant money was used to help pay for the multi-media presentation which was selected as the main speaker.

The March 19, 2007 Awareness Day had 10 schools recruit 248 students and it was a great experience for the teens, from an excellent speaker to 13 great breakout sessions. It was held at Stephenson High School in Menominee County, MI for Marinette and Menominee counties as Oconto decided to conduct their own. Plans are to make it bigger and better for 2008, so the grant from the district helped to make this happen.

## **MARINETTE--MENOMINEE--OCONTO AWARENESS DAY**

**U.W. MARINETTE CAMPUS**

**May 18, 2006**

### **USE TWO WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE:**

Accusing-1    Awesome-1    Educational-6    Exciting-8    Exhilarating-1    Eye Opening-1  
Fun-2    Good-2    Great-3    Very good-3    Helpful-1    Informative-12    Interesting-14  
Inspirational-4    Modern-1    Motivating-2    Moving-2    Nice-1    No School-2  
Socking/scary-2    Wonderful-2

**WAS THIS A WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE?**    Yes-44    Not really, enjoyed it though-1

### **WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER FROM TODAY?**

All of it-1    How to live-1    Inside-Outside-1    Nothing-1    Setting Goals-5    That this is a great school-1    The girl who was burned in the video-3    The people I met-1    The Plants-1    The Skit-2    The Subs-1    The variety of classes that are offered at the U.W.-1    The video was well done-1    They advertised the campus too much-2    To make good decisions-2    Tony Dollinger-6    Tour-3    Video-12

**IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WILL DO DIFFERENTLY IN THE FUTURE AS A RESULT OF TODAY'S PROGRAM?**

Be more involved-3 Be nice-3 Don't give in to peer pressure-7 Encourage others to attend-1 Have back up goals-1 I really enjoyed last year's program & I liked it better than today-1 I wasn't going to drink and drive, but now I don't want to even more-1 I will set goals-1 Make better choices-2 No-2 No, I make good decisions-2 No, I make good choices already-2 No, you live your life by good choices-2 Listen to the inside-3 Not drink-1 Not drink and drive-4 Not pick on others-1 Set goals-1 One bad decision could change your life-1 Probably the same-1 Stick up for people-2 Stop friends from drinking and driving-2 The video was good, but a bit over dramatic-1 Think before you act-2 Yes-4 Yes, I might enroll here--2

**THE PROGRAM MOTIVATED ME TO MAKE GOOD CHOICES.**

Yes-34 Neutral-11 No-0

**RATE THE LOCATION FOR TODAY'S EVENT.**

Excellent-11 Very Good-15 Ok-19 Poor-0 Very Poor-0

Camp U-Nah-Li-Yah was more fun-4 It brings the schools together-1 The tour wasn't much fun-2

**WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THAT OTHER TEENS ATTEND THIS TYPE OF EVENT?**

Yes-43 Yes, its motivating-1 No-0 Maybe-1

**HOW COULD WE INCREASE ATTENDANCE?**

Advertise/promote more-17 Better food-2 Better time of the year-4 Bigger location-1 Different lunch-2 (build your own sub)-1 Have more activities-4 Have break out sessions like last year-1 Have more fun activities-4 Have tech classes-welding and such-1 Invite more schools-2 Give an over view of what will be seen and talked about-1 Have more hands on activities-4 Let anyone go to this-1 More celebrity guest speakers-1 Make it mandatory for some grades-1 More interesting topics-2 More opportunities-5