



## Community partnerships

### Bringing organizations together for youth

A report published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that when two or more community groups work together to prevent problems for youth, they are more effective. Community partnerships offer a wider range of opportunities and address a wider range of youth needs.

### Extension's Response

University of Wisconsin-Extension 4-H Youth Development staff members worked with 120 community partnerships that focused on youth development and combined three or more community groups. Staff filled a number of roles in these partnerships, including organizer, educator, facilitator and evaluator.

### Outcomes

In Washburn County, community partners including UW-Extension, Positive Youth Development and Spooner Middle School Student Council planned a "safe night" during a community festival Jack Pine Savage Days. The chaperoned event was free of alcohol, drugs, tobacco and violence. More than 150 youth attended.

In Jackson County, a community coalition including UW-Extension, and the Ho-Chunk Nation held study circles to bring youth and adults together to talk about issues of youth feeling undervalued and about race. Thirty-five participants of various ages, races, genders, and beliefs participated.

In Richland County, the 4-H Youth Development agent works with school districts to facilitate the Second Step Violence Prevention Training.

UW-Extension, 4-H volunteer leaders, county public health nurses, and the director of emergency management came together in Pierce County to organize Farm and Rural Safety Days for 525 fourth graders. The children learned about animal handling, safe clothing and sun safety.

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