



Groton Dunstable Alliance for Youth

Programs and Initiatives
2006-2007

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Mission Statement

The Groton Dunstable Alliance for Youth (GDAY) is a non-profit independent coalition of parents, teachers, students, and community partners. We are committed to promoting safe, healthy and respectful decisions in order to reduce high risk behavior by the youth of Groton and Dunstable.

We believe that by creating community partnerships and programs we can significantly increase healthy decisions by youth and the associated positive outcomes. Through these efforts we will address the diverse needs of all youth and reinforce their value to our communities.

Programs

- Community Reading Day
- Rainbow Players
- Safe Prom and Graduation campaign
- *Red Flags and Resources* distribution
- Community Circle

Community Circle series

- YRBS Community Forum
- Alcohol Use & Teens: Rite of Passage or Risky Business—Town Hall Meeting
- Preventing First Use of Alcohol & Other Drugs
- Beyond the College Tour

Initiatives and Networks

- Parent-to-Parent Network
- Half-Day Network
- Positive Youth Development/Developmental Assets Initiative
- Nashoba-Merrimack Valley Coalition Network

Parent-to-Parent Network

- Purpose to provide opportunities for parents to connect, share ideas and resources
- Programs:
 - Book discussions in Fall and Spring
 - How to Listen So Kids will Talk
 - I am the Wallpaper
 - Parent Socials
 - Meet and greet
 - Following Community Circle programs
 - March Unmadness

Half-Day Network

- Two goals
 - Raise parent awareness
 - Facilitate community organization planning for youth activities
- Coupon program
 - Area businesses supporting youth
 - Businesses get promotion
 - Need to broaden capacity with other organizations

Positive Youth Development

- Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets
- Focus groups with High School students
- Connecting with existing efforts potentially targeting youth

Fundraising efforts

- Battle of the Bands
- Grants
- Community partners campaign
- Brick courtyard
- Other donations

Grants and more.....

- Foundation grant opportunities
- Over past 6 years, more than \$40,000 has been awarded to GDAY – applied directly to programs in GDRSD for parents and students.
- Over 20 hours/week of volunteer hours dedicated to programming and prevention efforts targeting GDRSD students

Planning for 2007-2008

- Ongoing fundraising efforts
- Networks and Initiatives ongoing
- Programs to continue
 - Adding post prom planning
- Focus areas:
 - Alcohol and Other Drug Use prevention
 - Bullying and Sexual Harassment
 - Positive Youth Development
 - Other behaviors: sexual behavior, teen dating violence
- Expand capacity at community level