



Waltham Youth & Community Coalition

Vision: The Waltham Youth And Community Coalition (WYACC) is a community coalition working together to make Waltham a safe, healthy, just and engaged community where all young people can thrive.

Mission: To support a culture of mental health and wellness, free of substance misuse, for Waltham youth by connecting all sectors of the community, addressing root causes, and promoting advocacy, education, and policy change.

Guiding Principles: In all of our work we are guided by a commitment to:

- ❖ Youth Leadership
- ❖ Family Involvement
- ❖ Recognition of Strengths & Celebrations of Success
- ❖ Diversity & Inclusion
- ❖ Equity & Excellence
- ❖ Data-Driven decision making

Coalition Meetings: Meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday of every month** from 2-3:30pm at Waltham High School in the Teachers Cafeteria.

2017-2018 Subcommittees (tentative):

1. **Community Connections:** Develop presentation of current trends in teen substance use, prevention strategies and resources; present throughout the community.
2. **Media Campaign:** Develop multi-media campaign aimed at changing norms around teen substance use.
3. **Special Events:** Coordinate 2-4 special events for teens and families focused on prevention, mental health, and wellness.
4. **Weekend Programming:** Coordinate weekend programming for teens as a prevention strategy.
5. **Policy & Enforcement:** Work with school staff and School Resource Officer to ensure fair and consistent enforcement of Drug and Alcohol policy.

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