

## **Name: Racine County Youth Coalition**

**Vision:** Racine County is a place where youth assets are increasing and all youth are healthy, involved and successful members of the community.

**Mission:** The Racine County Youth Coalition engages agencies, business partners, communities, families and schools, to promote and foster positive change in community practices, public policy, and youth programming in order to build assets and reduce risk behaviors (including substance abuse) among all Racine County young people.

**Membership:** Membership is open to all residents of Racine County and/or professionals who serve residents of Racine County. Members shall be those persons who place their name on the membership roll, signed the Coalition Membership Pledge, and who are willing to support the Coalition through committee work, and/or financial contributions, and/or meeting attendance. Membership is held by individuals. The Coalition desires members from throughout Racine County and actively seeks membership of the following sectors, but does not limit membership to those listed below:

- Young People
- Families
- Minority or ethnic groups
- County and Municipal leaders
- Local Business leaders
- School officials
- Justice officials
- Law Enforcement officials
- Health Care professionals
- Human Services professionals
- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Prevention/Treatment Specialists
- Religious/Faith Communities
- Media personnel
- Community-based organizations that serve children, youth and families.
- Leaders of Youth Organizations
- Civic and Volunteer Groups
- Others, as are willing to join and carry out the mission of the Coalition.

**History:** In order to better serve the youth of Racine County, the Coalition for Drug Free Youth and the Racine Community Coalition for Youth have come together to form the **Racine County Youth Coalition** in 2007. The purpose of this merger is to increase the effectiveness of work designed to prevent and reduce substance abuse and to ensure that youth are increasingly involved, healthy and successful.

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