

WHAT IS CTC?

Communities That Care (CTC) is a framework for bringing people from many different sectors of the community together to address positive youth development in a strategic and planful way. CTC is data-driven so that decision-makers avoid guessing what young people need and use reliable, well-designed data sources to guide such decisions. The focus is on increasing those conditions that are known to keep young people on the right track (protective factors) while reducing conditions that increase the possibility of negative outcomes (risk factors). Research has demonstrated that efforts to keep youth resilient have longer lasting impacts when they are implemented in a community coalition model. Efforts include programs, practices and policies that address the priorities identified by the CTC.

ABOUT THE CTC

OUR HISTORY

“It takes a village to raise a child.”

The CTC in Whitehall and Coplay formed in 2011 with a grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Community leaders, school administrators and other stakeholders came together and committed to engage in the CTC process. No one entity can raise healthy children and youth alone. The tie was right to bring people together to work jointly on our mutual goal of raising healthy, productive youth.

Members of the Whitehall-Coplay CTC include school district administrators, township, county and state leaders, law enforcement, human services organizations, school board, faith-based leaders, prevention providers, the media, business people, civic organizations, and youth.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Whitehall-Coplay CTC is: ***To enhance and support the mission of Whitehall-Coplay School District by developing cohesive relationships with community partners***

OUR VISION

Our vision is: ***“Families, schools and the community working together to empower our youth to take a pro-active role in society.”***

HOW CTC WORKS:

CTC follows an on-going 5-step process (reference diagram). Every 2 years, the PA Youth Survey (PAYS) is administered to students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12. The 90 questions on the anonymous, confidential survey are aligned with Risk and Protective Factors that can be found in the community, school, home and with peer/individual relationships.

Members of the CTC Data Review Committee review and analyze the results of PAYS, compare data to previous years, look for changes or trends and seek additional data as needed. The data review committee makes suggestions and recommendations for priority focus areas to the CTC.

The CTC discusses findings and recommendations and determines 3-5 priorities on which to focus the efforts of the coalition. These focus areas can be either high risk factors, low protective factors, problematic reported behaviors or conditions impacting young people's ability to be successful in school and/or life.

2019 MEETING DATES:

All meetings take place on Friday mornings, from 8:30-10:00 AM

Faith Lutheran Church, 3355 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall, PA

February 22

March 15

April 12

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 20

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