



MONADNOCK YOUTH COALITION

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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Our Mission

We are a Cheshire County coalition of volunteers and advocates collaborating with and empowering youth to make healthy life choices, especially regarding substance misuse.

Our Vision

A nurturing community providing strong bonds for youth to learn, grow and be resilient.

Our Values

**We believe: Youth and adults need to work together toward change.
Strengthening families is a key component to nurturing and empowering youth.**



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A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Monadnock Adult Coalition and The Monadnock Youth Coalition have changed over the years since we first received our DFC grant from the government. We have established a strong adult volunteer base of dedicated community leaders willing to go above and beyond for the sake of the coalition's mission. We have also established a strong and dedicated youth coalition with 12 active members. It was sad to see our past leader Peter Sebert retire, but with it came new opportunities for new leadership and a new set of eyes.

I re-joined the coalition team in June of this year with a dedication to focus on the youth and re-partner with schools that were allowing visitors to join their communities. With this intention we have re-established or started new partnerships with: Keene Middle School, Keene High School, Monadnock Regional Middle and High School, Surry Village Charter School, and Gathering Waters Charter School. The hope is that over time we will establish the foundation of a relationship and eventually provide prevention education to their students. This education will motivate students to go out and advocate for reducing substance use among teens.

Our mission is to empower youth to make healthy life choices. Our vision is to create a nurturing community that provides strong bonds for youth to learn, grow and be resilient. The common theme among these two things is the empowerment of the youth that will be tomorrow's leaders. We truly want to thank all our community partners, donors, and volunteers. Without your support The Coalitions could not do what they do.

Thank you,

**Meghan Marcucci
Coalition Director**



ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES

Our coalition is guided by the 7 environmental strategies for community change. Each year we build our action plan based off of these strategies.

- 1 PROVIDING INFORMATION**
Educational presentations, workshops or other data presentations (e.g., public announcements, brochures, community meetings or social media)
- 2 BUILDING SKILLS**
Workshops or other activities designed to increase the skills of participants, members and staff needed to achieve population-level outcomes (e.g., training, technical assistance, distance learning, strategic planning retreats and curricula development)
- 3 PROVIDING SUPPORT**
Creating opportunities to support people to participate in activities that reduce risk or enhance protection (e.g., providing alternative activities, mentoring, referrals, support groups or clubs)
- 4 ENHANCING ACCESS/REDUCING BARRIERS**
Improving systems and processes to increase the ease, ability and opportunity to utilize those systems and services (e.g., ensuring childcare, transportation, safety, special needs and cultural and language sensitivity)



Our mission, vision, key values, and the seven environmental strategies all come together to serve as a guide to help us navigate what we champion and develop as a coalition.

- 5 CHANGING CONSEQUENCES (INCENTIVES/DISINCENTIVES)**
Increasing or decreasing the probability of a specific behavior that reduces risk or enhances protection by altering the consequences for performing that behavior (e.g., increasing public recognition for deserved behavior, individual and business rewards, scholarships, citations, fines or revocations/loss of privileges)
- 6 PHYSICAL DESIGN**
Changing the physical design or structure of the environment to reduce risk or enhance protection (e.g., parks, landscapes, signage, lighting or outlet density)
- 7 MODIFYING/CHANGING POLICY**
Formal change in written procedures, by-laws, proclamations, rules or laws with written documentation and/or voting procedures (e.g., workplace initiatives, law enforcement procedures and practices, public policy actions and systems change within government, communities and organizations)



OUR THIRD-YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS

NOVEMBER 2021

- » MYC featured on Breathe NH website
- » Offered an ACE's training to YMCA employees
- » Keene Sentinel published an article about Red Ribbon Week activities at MRSD
- » Met with Governor and Governor's Council to build a strategy for a statewide informational campaign about Marijuana
- » Awarded a \$5000 grant to aid in tobacco cessation
- » Dover Youth 2 Youth did an adult faculty training at MRSD

DECEMBER 2021

- » Sent a letter to the Governor about the risks of marijuana legalization
- » Participated in *Smoke Free Keene* community meetings
- » 7 teens attended our monthly Teen Night Out event, in partnership with the YMCA
- » Collaborated with Dover Youth 2 Youth to create and present a training on youth advocacy

JANUARY 2022

- » Met with DHHS to discuss potential collaboration in assisting youth referred for delinquency
- » Recruitment event and presentation for the Monadnock Youth Pack with 300 students in attendance
- » Chill program assisted many youth in learning how to snowboard
- » Collaborated with KSC on a public health internship
- » The Keene Sentinel published an article about the creation of the Monadnock Youth Pack



FEBRUARY 2022

- » 3 youth members met with Congresswoman Kuster and Senator Maggie Hassan to share stories about teenage substance use
- » 38 youth attended monthly Teen Night Out event, in partnership with the YMCA
- » MYC volunteered at the Monadnock Humane Society
- » Presented to the public health class at KSC on the coalition's achievements and community involvement
- » Collaborated with statewide DFCs to run a full page marijuana ad in the Union Leader

MARCH 2022

- » The Swanzey Youth Pack began discussions around tobacco education
- » The coalition collaborated with the youth and the YMCA to help create plans for a new multigenerational center
- » The Monadnock Youth Pack completed a mental health video to be shown to MRSD
- » 13 girls registered for Girls on the Run
- » Collaborated with Parent Express to write an article featuring the coalition

APRIL 2022

- » Picked up Take Back Drug day supplies for 6 police departments in surrounding towns
- » 46 teens attended monthly Teen Night Out, in partnership with the YMCA
- » MYC submitted a letter to the Keene City Council proposing a smoke-free park in downtown Keene
- » Conducted a reward/reminder check at 6 local vape retailers - 84.4% asked for ID
- » 5 area middle schools agreed to implement TAP in the 2022-2023 school year
- » MYC tabled at the YMCA to raise awareness about Take Down Tobacco Day - 34 people signed the pledge to be tobacco free
- » MYC members created and presented a refusal skills workshop



ACHIEVEMENTS - CONT.

MAY & JUNE 2022

- » Peter Sebert steps down from his position as Coalition Director, and Meghan Marcucci comes on to take his place. Gianna Ricco led the coalition as the coordinator and director for 2 months. She worked hard to keep the coalition afloat until a new director was able to step in. THANK YOU Gianna for all of your hard work!

JULY 2022

- » Meghan Marcucci officially stepped into the Coalition Director role, beginning one-to-one conversations with Coalition members to build new relationships
- » MYC partners with the Keene Recreation Center to attend the yearly mental health fair
- » MYC tabled at the YMCA to recruit new youth members

AUGUST 2022

- » Hosted a basketball night for 27 youth, utilizing donations from Dick's Sporting Goods, C&S Wholesale Grocers, and YMCA Volunteers
- » Hosted Coalition Camp for 12 youth as a positive youth development experience, including trips to the Friendly Farm, Canobie Lake Park, kayaking, hiking and more
- » Conducted an environmental scan of Main Street with 5 kids and a local condition mapping exercise with the adult coalition members
- » Recruited 6 new members of the Monadnock Youth Coalition
- » Co-hosted Chill SKATE camp for local teens at the YMCA, providing prevention through the Natural High program

SEPTEMBER 2022

- » 45 youth attended our monthly Teen Night Out, in partnership with the YMCA
- » 12 youth attended our second Teen Night Out
- » Attended the Keene State Student Involvement Fair to pass out information about volunteering for the coalition
- » Collaborated with Surry Village Charter School and Gathering Waters Charter School to plan prevention education in the winter and spring
- » Youth members volunteered at the Community Kitchen and the DeMar Marathon
- » Began yearly collaborations with the Monadnock Regional School District
- » Monadnock Youth Pack restarts for the year with 4 active members
- » Attended Campus Night Out and held conversations with law enforcement about collaboration and substance misuse among teens
- » Gabby Fleurette stepped into the position of MYC Chair
- » WKNE ran a radio PSA to help spread the word about YouthFest

****Year 2 of government funding ended early on September 30, 2022 due to a restructuring of fiscal years for the DFC funded coalitions.**

OUR 12 SECTORS

In our coalition work, we collaborate with 12 sectors:

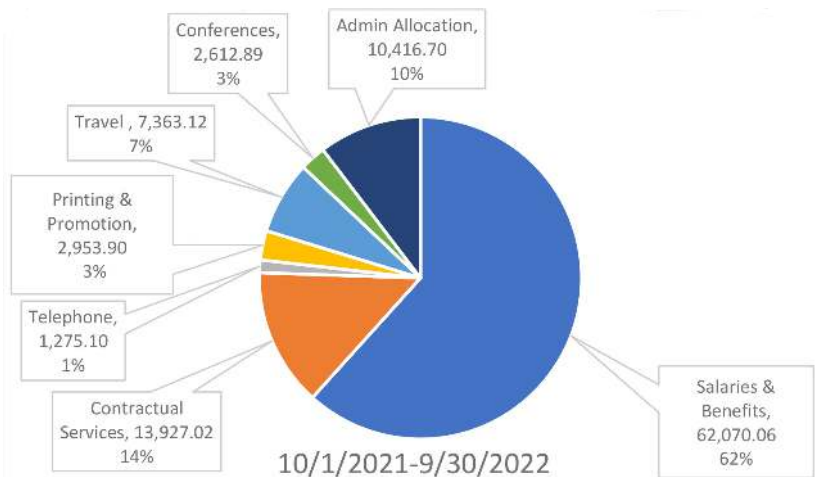
- **Businesses**
- **Civic/Volunteer Organizations**
- **Healthcare Professionals**
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Media**
- **Parents/Caregivers**
- **Religious/Fraternal Organizations**
- **Schools**
- **State/Local/Tribal Government**
- **Substance Abuse Organizations**
- **Youth**
- **Youth Serving Organizations**



FINANCIALS

Revenue		
01-01-99-1052	DFC Grant	112,978.88
Total Unrestricted Revenue		112,978.88
Total Restricted Revenue		0.00
Total Revenue		112,978.88

Expenses		
01-01-99-2110	Professional Salaries	0.00
01-01-99-2111	DFC Grant Salaries	38,195.71
01-01-99-2112	DFC Grant Coordinator Wages	16,477.56
01-01-99-2210	Health/Dental Insurance	1,476.60
01-01-99-2220	Retirement Expense	1,817.58
01-01-99-2310	FICA	3,922.68
01-01-99-2330	Worker's Compensation	179.93
01-01-99-2400	Contractual Services	13,927.02
01-01-99-2510	Office Supplies	113.70
01-01-99-2600	Telephone	1,161.40
01-01-99-3100	Printing	62.31
01-01-99-3140	DFC Printing & Promotional Supplies	2,891.59
01-01-99-3220	DFC Grant Travel Expenses	6,781.82
01-01-99-3235	Mileage	581.30
01-01-99-3350	Conferences	2,612.89
01-01-99-5901	DFC Allocation Indirect Cost	10,416.70
Total Unrestricted Expenses		100,618.79
Total Restricted Expenses		0.00
Change in Net Assets		12,360.09



VOLUNTEERS & DONORS

We would like to thank all of our donors, volunteers, partners and members who have supported our goal of reducing youth substance use in Keene and Swanzey. Without you our work would not be possible!

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OUR FUTURE

In our fourth year of funding we have BIG plans. We have already planned for prevention education to be administered to grades 7/8 and 9/10 at Gathering Waters Charter School as well as grades 5/6 and 7/8 at Surry Village Charter School. The hope is that this education will work to reduce substance use while also becoming something the coalition can offer as an on-going class to sustain the coalition post government funding.

We plan to continue our partnerships with MRSD and The Keene School District by collaborating with school staff, spreading awareness to students, and hosting adult coalition meetings at KHS to include the youth voice in planning sessions.

We will continue to collaborate with The Keene Family YMCA to provide fun substance free alternative events to teens. Our youth group plans to teach a prevention education course to students at Keene Middle School. Our youth chair Gabby Fleurette would like to begin discussions with Keene State College about the effect college students' substance use has on the younger populations of Keene and Swanzey.

We will continue to grow our community presence and strengthen and build relationships across the towns of Keene and Swanzey. To wrap it all up though we want to say thank you again to everyone who works to support us. We could not do it without our passionate and active community members. Please consider donating some of your time to help the coalition or donating money to sustain our cause through the QR code below. THANK YOU for your support!



For more information about how you can help reduce youth substance use in our community, please reach out to:



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