

Youth Violence is a Community Problem That Requires a Community Solution

*The Challenge Facing
Communities is How to
Develop and Implement
Solutions That Work*

*Communities That Care
Can Help*

"Communities That Care offers equal parts of insight, farsightedness, compassion for our nations' children, and commitment to a realistic action plan. Hawkins and Catalano's primary prevention model has the potential to prevent the waste of not only millions of dollars, but more importantly, thousands of our children's lives"

—Edward Zigler,
Sterling Professor of Psychology,
Yale University

What people are saying about *Communities That Care:*

"A new focus on the causes instead of the old 'treating the symptoms' approach to solving community problems."

" Hands-on information. Grass-roots, community-based groups will be able to implement prevention strategies for their neighborhoods."

"Gives hope that viable solutions exist and are within reach."

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COMMUNITIES THAT CARE



*A Community-Wide
Approach to Preventing
Youth Violence*

Violence in Our Communities is Not a Simple Problem with a Simple Solution...

*Anti-violence programs in
our schools are not enough*

*More police officers
and stiffer sentences
alone won't stem the tide*

*We can't legislate
violence into submission*

*It Will Take a Combination
of These Efforts—and More*

What is *Communities That Care*®?

Communities That Care (CTC) is a comprehensive community risk-focused program that addresses youth violence and other problem behaviors by reducing risks while creating protective bonds between young people and their families, their schools, and their communities.

CTC is based on over 30 years of research on the factors that place young people at risk for problem behaviors and the protective factors that buffer them from exposure to risk. Over 100 communities across the country are currently using CTC to develop community-specific strategies for creating safe, supportive environments for young people.

How can *Communities That Care* help?

Communities That Care provides a framework that can link all your prevention efforts—a way of organizing your community to maximize human and financial resources by addressing priority risks across all sectors of the community. CTC builds on existing coalitions, utilizes information you have already collected, and helps you strengthen existing prevention programs.

How does *Communities That Care* Work?

CTC mobilizes your whole community to build a web of support for young people from birth through young adulthood. CTC can help you...

- Involve all the stakeholders in your community committed to preventing youth violence and other problem behaviors, such as substance abuse, school drop-out, and teen pregnancy;
- Increase collaboration and establish a common vision for your community;
- Develop a profile of your community's risks;
- Prioritize those risks to meet the immediate needs of the community or specific target areas;
- Evaluate existing programs according to research-based, risk-focused criteria;
- Learn about effective risk-reduction approaches.
- Institutionalize a comprehensive prevention approach in your community.

How do I get more information?

Communities That Care was developed by Developmental Research and Programs, leaders in risk-focused prevention. A Training System and a Planning Kit are available to help communities implement *Communities That Care*. For more information, call toll free (800) 736-2630.