



I would like to take a moment of your time to share some information about an exciting opportunity to join with other community leaders to improve the lives of our community's youth through a customized, community-wide project called the Communities That Care (CTC) prevention-planning system.

Problems of adolescent delinquency, violence, alcohol and other drug use, school dropout, depression/anxiety, and teen pregnancy still disrupt the lives and threaten the futures of young people. A growing body of research in the field of prevention science now gives us information on how to support healthy youth development and protect against problem behaviors in adolescence. Programs to reduce risk factors and enhance protective factors have been shown to be effective. The best results happen when communities match tested, effective programs with their unique profile of risk and protective factors. This is the core foundation of Communities That Care.

The CTC system takes a practical, evidence-based, outcome-focused approach that involves the whole community in promoting positive youth development. Using prevention science research, we are able to prevent youth behavior problems and promote healthy development. It can also help us use our money, efforts, and energy efficiently and effectively. By using objective data to determine priorities, implementing programs that have been shown to work and have the tools to measure and track results.

The Communities That Care system is sponsored and supported by the following organization(s):

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A successful Communities That Care effort will need the commitment of dedicated Community Leaders like you, representing all the significant segments of our community. Community leaders have been identified from education, local government, law enforcement, juvenile justice, social services, health services, parent groups, students, religious and business leaders, the media, and other important stakeholder groups. Key Leader Board meetings are quarterly in February, May, August, and November the last Wednesday of the month from noon to 1 pm. The meetings are held at Four Corners Community Behavioral Health in Castle Dale with the option to join virtually.

We hope that you will join us in building a shared vision of our community as a safe, nurturing environment for all children.

Sincerely,

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