



HOPE Coalition 2004-2005



Youth Will Lead!

HOPE COALITION TEEN SEXUALITY VIDEO



- ✓ HOPE staff conducted HOPE Coalition Teen Sexuality Video workshops with youth and adult groups at the YWCA, Worcester Community Action Council, YouthBuild, Henry Lee Willis Outreach Programs, Worcester Youth Guidance Center, Great Brook Valley Health Center, and at the Youth Worker Training Institute Spring Conference
- ✓ We shared the video with Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts. They are interested in using the video in a statewide campaign to strengthen health education in the schools
- ✓ Evaluations of the video speak to the need for additional showings, particularly with youth

Some comments from the Video Evaluation forms

One thing I didn't know was that teens have sex cause they are bored and that most teens are introduced to sex by the age of 12 or 13.

What concerned me was peer pressure at school for kids to have sex, now kids get laughed at for not having sex. Need more STD education. The diseases concerned me.

I think the video is effective. It is youth speaking to other youth. Young people can relate to the same type of people.

I was surprised by how little information is available to teens about sex.

HOPE COALITION DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE



- ✓ Held two Drug Free Quarterly Meetings planned and facilitated by HOPE Peer Leaders—each attended by 50 individuals.
- ✓ Conducted Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis of the youth drug, alcohol, and tobacco situation in Worcester
- ✓ We are working on several new projects to educate youth about drugs and alcohol, including a Teen Talk Show, stress reduction programs, and working with local businesses to reduce drug and alcohol advertising and to reduce the number of people who buy alcohol for under aged drinkers
- ✓ Held a community-wide block party for close to 600 youth and families on July 15th. The block party promoted drug free themes.

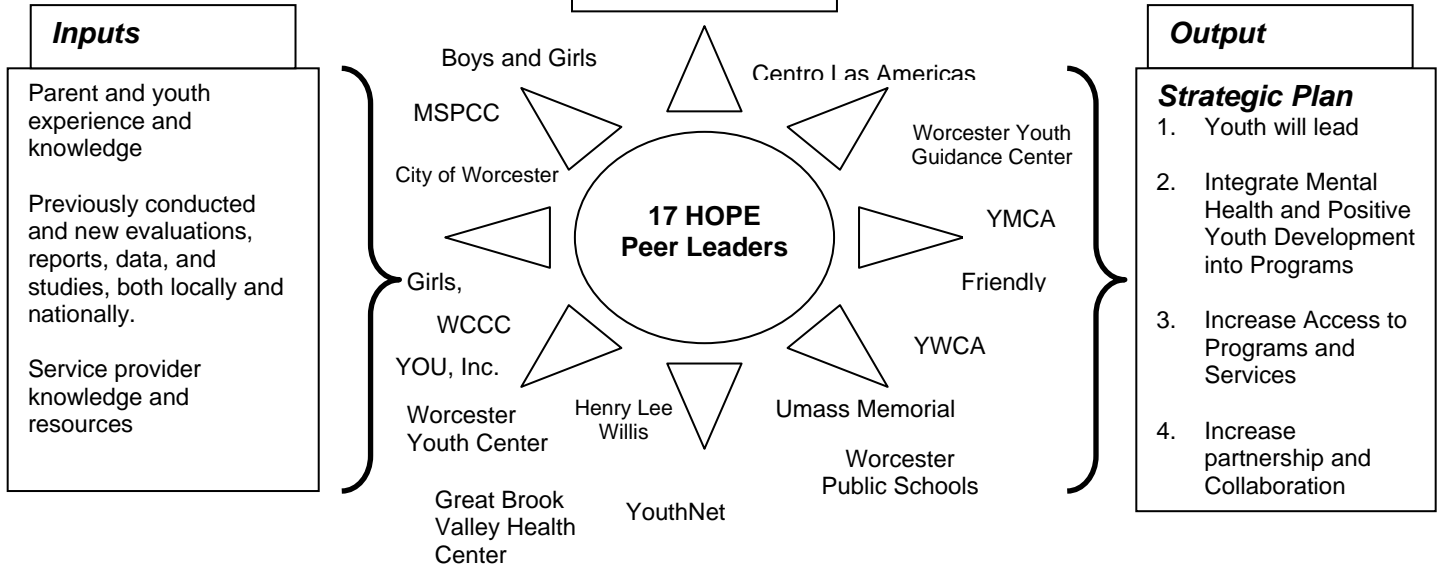
OTHER WAYS WE PROMOTE YOUTH VOICE IN WORCESTER



- ☑ Collaborated with the YMCA's Minority Achiever's Program to create a video on what Worcester is like for teens. This video was shown at the Worcester Public Library on July 1st.
- ☑ Displayed the HOPE Coalition Youth Heroes/Youth Victims of Violence Mural at the YWCA, Girls, Inc. and behind City Hall at a Peace Rally. It is now hanging at the Worcester Youth Center



The Coalition



HOPE Coalition Mission Statement and Goals

Through a collaborative effort of youth, service providers, and families, the HOPE Coalition will result in increased access to year round, out of school prevention, recreation, wellness, and development activities for youth ages 12-21, planned in partnership with young people.

When we achieve our mission, we will see:

- ◆ Reduced rates of youth violence and fewer teens using drugs and alcohol.
- ◆ Happier, healthier young people connected to families, schools, services, programs and neighborhoods, and ready to lead in their communities.

Young people and adults will work together in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding to achieve these goals.

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Other HOPE Coalition Programs:

Youth Worker Training Institute: 15 week course to train front-line youth workers. Held every 18 months for up to 25 youth workers free of charge

HOPE Coalition Mental Health Model:

Masters-level clinicians work with youth and staff at the Boys and Girls Club and the Worcester Youth Center