



Community Collaborative for Youth and Families

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Our Mission:

Cultivate a thriving community through an inclusive collaborative helping youth and families acquire the foundation to be stable and successful.

Fact Sheet

What is a collaborative?

A collaborative is a network of organizations working toward a unified set of goals, which can be most successfully achieved by joining forces.

How does a collaborative work?

Member organizations evaluate their service strengths, compare them with unmet community needs and develop a plan to jointly address these needs.

What is the mission of our Collaborative?

To improve the lives of youth and their families in Planning District 16. By working together, the Collaborative combines resources to decrease the risk factor in young lives, including substance abuse, violence, criminal activity, school dropout and mental health issues.

What does the Collaborative hope to accomplish?

The Collaborative strives to promote resiliency through skill building by identifying gaps in services and reaching those who may fall through the cracks. The assumption is that by working together a more productive outcome will be reached than by working independently. The Collaborative gives temporary support to help residents achieve permanent change.

Who are members of the Collaborative?

Approximately 30-35 members represent a range of social services non-profit organizations and local government agencies.

How is the Collaborative structured?

The Rappahannock Office on Youth is the fiscal agent for the Collaborative. The Collaborative consists of a Chairman and Vice Chairman, a leadership group and various committees. All serve as volunteers. Donna Krauss is Chairperson and Michelle Wagaman is the Vice Chairman. Ben Nagle is the Chairman Emeritus. Committees are: Education and Training; Membership; Marketing and Media; Fund Development; and Data and Evaluation.

What is the Collaborative's value to agencies and the community?

By organizing partnerships, the Collaborative is able to deliver more comprehensive services and more effectively meet community needs. This approach allows easier access to services by community members. Grantors look favorably upon partnerships.

How will the Collaborative be funded?

Each organization in the Collaborative already seeks funds to operate. The Collaborative will require relatively small grant funding to coordinate the efforts of member organizations.

What can you do?

Examine your organization to determine the best way of working with other groups and bring your ideas to the Collaborative. Together, we will achieve a multiplier effect on improving lives!

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