



Youth and adults working together to build a Healthy Community for Healthy Youth

Who We Are:

The Mason City Youth Task Force (YTF) is a community coalition working to reduce Risk Factors and build Developmental Assets for youth using research-based models and science-based strategies. Young people work side by side with adults on YTF projects as well as with their peers on Youth Action Teams.

Adults of all ages also volunteer for YTF committees and special projects. The YTF facilitates and coordinates these projects and, in some cases, provides funding. The One on One Mentoring Project is also housed at the YTF.



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Our Vision

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Our Mission

To coordinate and facilitate collaborative community initiatives that impact the lives of young people

Our Purpose

To assess the health of the community, to identify needs, to coordinate existing resources and to create new resources to meet needs by focusing on prevention related youth issues.

Our Guiding Principles

Use an asset approach to promote bonding to family, school and community by:

- Modeling clear standards and healthy beliefs
- Providing opportunities, skills, and recognition

The History of the Youth Task Force

The Mason City Youth Task Force is a community coalition operating under the City of Mason City since 1994. 25 youth and adults, representing a diverse cross-section of the community, have been appointed by the Mayor and City Council to guide coalition efforts. Additional youth and adults volunteer on committees, Youth Action Teams, and projects focusing on specific areas of the Prevention Plan.

The City of Mason City, Mason City Community Schools, Newman Catholic Schools, and Cerro Gordo County provide local financial support which is supplemented by grants and other funding. Numerous community organizations contribute in-kind support to coalition efforts.