



Welcome to Northwoods Coalition! Formed through a partnership between Marshfield Clinic and several community coalitions in 1995, *Northwoods Coalition* is the largest and oldest coalition dedicated to substance abuse prevention in Wisconsin. Representatives from 50 coalitions in a 35-county region, including the 11 Wisconsin Tribal Nations, serve on a non-governing advisory board to help shape policies, practices and programs which address public health issues arising from use of alcohol and other drugs. Marshfield Clinic staff provide support including education, training, technical assistance and other resources to members of Northwoods Coalition.

Since 2007, through a contract with Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Marshfield Clinic serves as the Northern and Western Regional Prevention Center for the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth. The purpose of the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth is to enhance and support the capacity of coalitions in substance abuse prevention and youth development. Almost 100 Wisconsin coalitions are members of the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth, including those belonging to Northwoods Coalition.

Membership benefits in Northwoods Coalition/ Alliance for Wisconsin Youth Regional Center include:

- Northwoods Coalition regional meetings and local coalition building
- Substance abuse prevention technical assistance, presentations and trainings
- Scholarships for Wisconsin State Prevention Training, Northwoods Coalition Annual Meeting and Training, and more
- Technical assistance and financial support for coalition projects (known as Menu Options projects)
- Access to resources and recognition on Northwoods Coalition website, www.northwoodscoalition.org, including Northwoods Coalition Epidemiological Profile on Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Email listserv of the latest resources and trainings
- Partnerships with Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps programs

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Mission: *Diverse community coalitions working together to promote effective substance abuse prevention through: Networking, Advocacy, Mentoring, Leadership.*

Vision: *Strong Coalitions, Health Communities*