



Programs and Activities

- ♥ Active Parenting Classes
- ♥ Big Brothers Big Sisters Students and Mentors Achieving Results Together (SMART)
- ♥ Drugs: The Facts Workshops
- ♥ Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
- ♥ Responsive Classroom
- ♥ Peace Camp
- ♥ Safe Homes Project
- ♥ Spirit of Youth Awards

Get Involved

We need your ideas, energy and involvement to make a difference in our community. To find out how you can help, please call Barbara Snare at 846-6789 ext. 1900.

Visit our website. Go to www.cysd.k12.pa.us and click on the "Community" link.

Our Vision

We believe in our youth and their ability to succeed and in the people of the community to meet the needs of families and youth. We envision a future with responsible, respectful, healthy, productive youth as an asset to their families and the community.



Central York
**COMMUNITIES
THAT CARE[®]**
Organization



A community-wide approach for promoting the healthy development of young people.



What is Communities That Care?

Communities That Care is a process that engages the entire community in a broad-based prevention coalition whose goal is the reduction of adolescent problem behaviors such as violence, drug and alcohol use, teenage pregnancy, school drop-out and delinquency, and the promotion of positive youth development.

Central York Communities That Care Organization was formed in 1999 to engage our community in promoting the healthy development of young people. Our funding comes from grants from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, support from the Panther Foundation and donations from businesses and individuals in our community.

Risk Factors Affecting Our Youth

Central York Communities That Care supports programs and activities that lead to a measured reduction in the identified risk factors that face our youth. Every two years since 1999 we have administered youth surveys that identify what risk factors our children are facing and measure the progress we have made toward reducing those factors.

Our most recent survey showed the following risk factors need to be addressed:

Transitions and mobility

Communities with high rates of mobility are often linked to an increased risk of drug and crime problems. Even normal school transitions can predict increases in problem behaviors.

Low neighborhood attachment and community disorganization

Higher rates of drug problems, delinquency and violence occur where people have little attachment to the community.

Family management problems

A lack of clear expectations for behavior, lack of supervision and monitoring and excessively severe or inconsistent punishment put a child at higher risk of developing problem behaviors.

Favorable parental attitudes and involvement in the problem behavior

Parents' attitudes and behaviors toward drugs, crime and violence influence the attitudes and behavior of their children.

Friends who engage in the problem behavior

Even young people from well-managed families greatly increase their risk of developing these behaviors when they spend time with friends who do.

