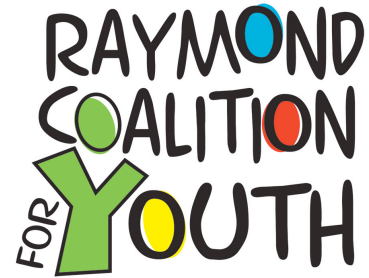


Raymond Coalition for Youth Programs and Events



PROGRAMS

After School Program

Raymond Coalition for Youth is committed to making our after school program a priority. In doing such, we have secured funding to continue our After School Club City. This program opened its doors to all youth at the Iber Holmes Gove Middle School in the fall of 2007. At the end of the calendar year, we had 32 students enrolled and many happy parents who were thankful they have a safe place for their children during the after school hours.

Frameworks Youth Suicide Prevention Project

The National alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) - NH has joined forces with Raymond Coalition for Youth to educate and raise awareness to the very serious issue of youth suicide. By the end of 2007, Raymond Coalition for Youth and NAMI have trained over 400 adults in the community and have 15 student master trainers who will work with the high school to conduct peer-to-peer training's.

Community Series

The community series is monthly informational evenings for parents, guardians and community members. This series provides an opportunity to learn about topics that, all connected to our youth can relate to and are of concern to them. Topics are relevant to parenting issues and quite informative. Raymond Coalition for Youth Action offers free babysitting for those who need it.

Kids on the Common

Our Friday night concert series is open to everyone to attend for free on the town common. Each month features an area band. These are great family nights and each one generally draws more than 100 people in attendance.

Youth Advisory

A relatively new group is working to bring a voice to the middle school age group of our youth population. This group of students meets monthly to discuss how substance abuse affects their lives in and out of school. They work together to identify needs, find effective ways to communicate the issues and to develop solutions that will connect with this age group and bring on positive change. It's kids helping kids.

Youth Action

A group of high school students joined together to form this student-based committee that meets twice a month to plan and carry out monthly activities. They work to promote positive healthy behaviors and carry out events that are beneficial to their community. Some of which include, but are not limited to, participating in the NH Safety Belt Challenge, Kick Butts Day, Red Ribbon week, High School Clean up day, a toy drive and middle school dances.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night is a night for parents and children to come together and have some fun while being educated on the many opportunities and services available in our community. This annual event will be held in February 2009. Details to come.

Lights on After School

This is a nationally celebrated day that Raymond Coalition for Youth participates in. In 2007 we celebrated the opening of our new After School Club City program at the middle school for 5 through 8 graders. In 2008 we once again celebrated this day and the successful start of our second year of the program.

Operation Raymond Cleanup

Developed by the Middle School Youth Advisory group, this is a yearly event that brings the youth out of the school and on to the streets! Each May the youth group and many family members and volunteers take part in the annual Operation Raymond Cleanup. In the spring of 2008 the group was split up in teams that mobilized and cleaned up an expanded route reaching from the middle school to the elementary school and beyond the safety complex and back to the town common. They cleaned up trash, swept, and planted flowers to help beautify the town and school grounds for every ones enjoyment.

Project Safeguard

Raymond Coalition for Youth's annual Project Safeguard is an informational day for all seventh graders from Iber Holmes Gove Middle School and their parents. Topics range from drug use, dangers of alcohol, healthy relationships, Internet safety and healthy decision-making. Check back for dates for next year.

Touch-A-Truck

Each October the coalition partners with the Raymond Recreation for their Touch-A-Truck program. Raymond Coalition for Youth provides the refreshments and has an information table for parents, guardians and community members to learn about all the coalition offers. This is an important touch point event that allows the coalition to make this key target audience – elementary youth, aware of the coalitions many programs and events geared towards family and youth issues.

GET INVOLVED

Monthly Coalition Meetings

Raymond Coalition for Youth meetings are comprised of many different participants that come together to brainstorm new ideas and share knowledge of available programming and services. On average 20 people attend with various topics discussed and a monthly guest speaker. Held the second Thursday of every month at 9:00 in Lamprey Health Care conference room located on RT 27. Everyone Welcome!

Board of Directors Meetings

The board meets regularly on the first Thursday of every month. Members of the board of directors are elected, serve terms, and represent various backgrounds prevalent to RCFY. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Committee Meetings

The Coalition has three main committees that meet on a regular basis to further develop specific aspects of the coalition. The After School, Outreach, and Finance and Development committees welcome anyone who has an interest and time to devote to helping shape these important components of the coalition. Please call the main number for more information and meeting details.