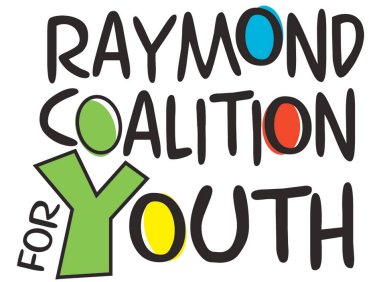


## Raymond Coalition for Youth

*From an Idea to a Thriving Community Coalition*



**2000** – University of New Hampshire (UNH) came to Raymond and invited important stakeholders in the community to a meeting and explained the importance of conducting a survey with the youth in our town. They explained how the information gathered could lead to forming a community coalition.

- The Teen Assessment Project (TAP) was a survey conducted by UNH that would be tailored to issues that the community stakeholders thought to be of importance or concern.

**2001** – In the spring of 2001, the TAP survey was given to the students in grade 7 – 12 in the Raymond School District.

- The results were made available in the fall and were disseminated at monthly informational meetings for the community to attend.
- After viewing the results, community stakeholders decided that the information needed to have a follow through plan developed.

**2004** – In June of 2004, the Raymond Coalition for Youth was formed and became an official non-profit organization.

**2005** – The youth action group was developed at the high school level.

**2006** – A youth worker position was established to help develop a youth program at the middle school and to support the many programs developed to reach out to the community.

**2007** – The coalition answers a community need and establishes an after-school program for the middle school youth.

**Today-** In the fall of 2008, Raymond Coalition for Youth celebrated an important milestone – **five years and thriving!** The membership, sponsorship and community interest and support has increased each year. The youth are making more and more positive choices and working to develop working strategies to help themselves stay safe and encourage the youth around them to do the same.

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### **2008 – 2009**

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Youth Worker – Maura Mele

### **2007 –2008**

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### **2006 –2007**

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**2005 –2006**

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**2004 –2005**

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