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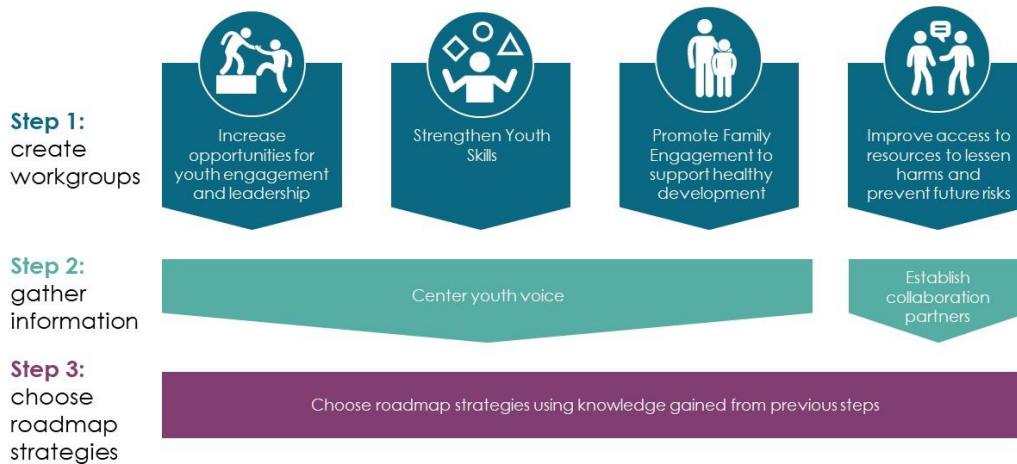
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Youth Violence Prevention Action Plan

Our Youth Action Plan



We are currently engaged in the work of centering youth and community voice and expanding collaborative partnerships (Step 2).

Three of our current action plan working groups (Youth Engagement & Leadership,

Youth Employment, and Family Engagement) identified the need for intentional youth and community engagement in the process. In response, we have been working on survey development, establishing listening sessions, collaborating with other youth engagement work], developing youth focus groups, and establishing a coalition youth engagement and leadership group.

We are excited to confirm that we will be contracting with Culturally Rooted (part of Each One Teach One) to conduct several youth focus groups and support the development of a youth cohort and leadership team. More information to come!



Nafissat Gbadamassi (Nafi), public health's Wanda Fullmore intern, will also be supporting youth engagement this summer. Nafi is a rising sophomore at Sun Prairie East High School and will be supporting and assisting in development of our youth engagement plan.

Specific invites for listening sessions or other opportunities to collaborate will be sent out to workgroup members as they are established. If you or your organization has the capacity for an active role and/or could provide an opportunity to host a session, please contact [Melinda Knuth](#) to discuss.

Our youth mental health workgroup is engaged in development and deepening of collaborative partnerships to better support the well-being of our youth. Their first meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, July 25th, 1 pm-2:30 pm

In person: City County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Rm 507A

Virtually: [email Melinda Knuth](#)

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Please consider joining this workgroup if you want to work to establish partnerships between the relevant stakeholders, such as community organizations, law enforcement agencies, schools, healthcare providers, and local government bodies. These partnerships will help to maximize resources and expertise, enhance information sharing, and promote a coordinated approach to violence prevention.

Development of Madison Dane County Violence Prevention Mission, Vision and Values

Developing a coalition mission, vision, and values is a crucial step in aligning the goals and aspirations of our coalition members. By working together, we can create a unified framework that guides our actions and shapes our collective purpose.

We will be hosting a series of four facilitated brainstorming sessions where coalition and community members can openly share their ideas. At the conclusion of the series, the proposed mission, vision, and values statement will be shared with the coalition for review, changes, and adoption.

These meetings will be held in person at Hawthorne Public Library, 2707 E. Washington Ave on these dates:

- [Wednesday, July 12, 2-4 pm](#)
- [Wednesday, July 19, 2-4 pm](#)
- [Wednesday, July 26, 2-4 pm](#)
- [Wednesday, August 9, 2-4 pm](#)

Please click on a link above to save the date to your Outlook calendar, or mark the date on your calendar manually. Please join as you are able; you do not need to RSVP as these will be held in an open door format.

Save the Date for Upcoming Coalition Meetings!

Full coalition meetings are on the following dates:

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Thursday, December 7, 2023

These meetings will be held in person. We are currently exploring the location and length of these meetings (full day vs. half day). If you would like to consider hosting the meeting, please contact [Melinda Knuth](#).

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