

SUMMARY OF MARATHON COUNTY COLLABORATIONS: January 2016

For this list, the definition of Coalition or Collaborative Group is: multiple people and organizations who work together to identify gaps in community and find new ways to achieve common goals aimed at improving the community. (The list would not include a specific project that has partners working together.) NOTE: this list is constantly being updated and revised and collaborations may have been missed.

TOPIC	Collaborative Group(s)	Mission/ goals/ sub groups/ focus areas	Contact
Early Childhood	<p>Marathon County Early Years Coalition</p> <p><i>Coordinated by United Way & Marathon County Health Dept.</i></p>	<p>Success Begins Early, Start Now. Goals are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure healthy pregnancies resulting in healthy babies • Expand the use and access of evidence-based developmental screening, • Help parents & care-givers become confident and knowledgeable about being their child's first teacher • improve access and quality of local child care centers and child care homes in connection with the work of YoungStar • Increase kindergarten readiness • Expand community understanding about the importance of the early years as a critical time for child development. • Promote and keep current <u>RaiseGreatKids.org</u> 	<p>Amanda Ostrowski, Marathon County Health Dept. Amanda.Ostrowski@co.marathon.wi.us P: 715-261-1900</p> <p>Deanna Schuette, United Way of Marathon County dschuette@unitedwaymc.org P: 715-848-2927 www.mcearlyyears.org.</p>
Youth	<p>Partnership for Youth</p> <p><i>Coordinated by United Way</i></p>	<p>Working together to create a collaborative system of services and funding that is youth-centered, family-focused, community-based and cost-effective when addressing the strengths and needs of troubled and at-risk youth and their families. Coalition Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen partnerships between after-school/summer programs and schools. • Assist parents, guardians, and families in developing the skills to raise successful youth. • Enhance services for youth in the juvenile justice system. • Provide professional development for individuals working with youth. • Educate the community about their role in helping youth reach their personal potential. 	<p>Deanna Schuette, United Way of Marathon County dschuette@unitedwaymc.org P: 715-848-2927 www.unitedwaymc.org</p>
Food	<p>Marathon County Hunger Coalition</p> <p><i>Coordinated by United Way</i></p>	<p>Working Together to research, identify, implement, and promote long-term sustainable solutions to hunger in Marathon County. Coalition Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nourish people in need of food assistance. • Improve access to nutritious foods. • Increase the community's awareness of the root causes of food insecurity. • Communicate the commitment to healthy food choices and good nutrition. • Increase the number of volunteer hours dedicated to fighting food 	<p>Amanda Gallagher, United Way agallagher@unitedwaymc.org P: 715-848-2927 www.unitedwaymc.org</p>

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Housing	United Way Housing and Homelessness Coalition <i>Coordinated by United Way</i>	Working Together to raise community awareness to end homelessness by maximizing and strengthening existing resources, developing new, relevant solutions, and creating a seamless delivery of services to end homelessness in Marathon County. Coalition Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate and sustain a collaborative network that prioritizes finding solutions to homelessness and housing challenges in Marathon County. • Coordinate resources leading to stable housing outcomes. • Identify and develop affordable housing opportunities in Marathon County. • Connect individuals who are housing challenged to immediate, mid, and long-range housing resources. 	MaiGer Moua, United Way of Marathon County mmoua@unitedwaymc.org P: 715-848-2927 www.unitedwaymc.org
Financial security	Get Smart Wausau	Goals are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help people make better financial decisions • Enhance and coordinate access to local free or low-cost financial education. 	Pam Anderson, Volunteer Co-Chair PAM.ANDERSON@usbank.com P: 715-843-8228 www.getsmartwausau.org
Jobs/ economic development	Groups as listed	Several groups are working on issues of workforce development – coordination of these services occurs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centergy • DWD – Workforce Development • MCDEVCO/ Chamber/ County • NTC - coalition of higher education 	Contact those organizations listed.
Elderly	Partnership for Healthy Aging <i>Action Team of Healthy Marathon County</i>	The goals are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and enhance health and well being of elderly through environmental strategies • Promote independence in the home and community. 	Peggy Kurth, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central WI peggy.kurth@adrc-cw.com P: 715-261-2070 www.healthymarathoncounty.org
Substance Abuse	Marathon County Alcohol and Other Drug Partnership <i>Action Team of Healthy Marathon County</i>	Local non-profit Mission: Eliminate the misuse of alcohol and other drugs in Marathon County Vision: Community attitudes and behaviors promote responsible and legal use of alcohol and other substances.	Melissa Dotter, Drug Free Communities Program, Marathon County Health Dept. Melissa.Dotter@co.marathon.wi.us P: 715-261-1962 www.aodpartnership.org
Other health related issues	Healthy Marathon County	In addition to above, other goals being addressed by Healthy Marathon County are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the use of tobacco • Concern about the cost of health care • Access to oral health services • Prevent suicide. 	Visit webpage for contact information www.healthymarathoncounty.org

Healthy lifestyle	Health Eating Active Living Coalition (HEAL) <i>Action Team of Healthy Marathon County</i>	<p>The goals are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a culture of healthy eating and active living in Marathon County • Create a culture where the social norm is: physical activity engineered into the daily routine, appropriate portion sizes and recommended fruit and vegetable consumption. 	<p>Ashley Kienitz, Marathon County Health Dept. ashley.kienitz@co.marathon.wi.us P: 715-261-1900 www.healthymarathoncounty.org</p>
Domestic Abuse	Domestic Abuse intervention Team Sexual Assault Intervent.Team	<p>To stop violence in domestic relationships through a coordinated community message that states domestic abuse is not acceptable.</p> <p>To provide consistent, quality services to victims and information, prevention, education to the public on the issue of sexual assault and abuse.</p>	<p>The Women's Community Phone: 715-842-5663 web site: www.womenscommunity.org</p>