

United Way in Waukesha County

Helping Kids Succeed Initiative

Implemented in August 2005

Community Issue: Increasing parental involvement for at-risk kids.

Targeted Outcome: Parents/guardians are actively engaged with their children in school, the community, and family related activities.

Targeted Geographic Area: Sussex through the Hamilton School District, Waukesha through the Waukesha School District, Mukwonago and Oconomowoc School Districts.

Issue: For children and youth to become responsible young adults, the most vital component that needs to be addressed is parental involvement in the lives of their children. Parental involvement is instrumental in helping children and youth succeed at all levels of their development including at home, in school and overall within the community

Major Partners: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Hamilton School District, Mukwonago School District, Oconomowoc School District, Sussex-Area Outreach Services, United Way in Waukesha County, Waukesha County Dept. of Health & Human Services, Waukesha School District, Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.

Intended Results:

- Parents/guardians have high expectation that they can and should contribute to the success of their children in school and community.
- Parents/guardians have a clear understanding of how they can be an engaged partner with schools and organizations.
- Parents/guardians will be aware of and engaged with their children in family related activities.

Strategies:

- Workshops for parents/guardians to increase skills for interaction with their children.
- Intervention services to deter truant and juvenile behavior involving parents, their children and schools.
- Involvement in leisure activities between child and parent/guardian.