

Gardiner Area Thrives
May 25, 2021
Brainstorming for 2021_2022

Proposed Theme for GAT November 2021-October 2022 - Ideas

Youth Mattering and Youth Leadership - Recommendations

Priority Activities - Recruit, engage, and support youth leaders – Others?

Add specific ideas?

1. Work with current youth groups: Interact, GSTA, Boys and Girls Club
2. Promote Gardiner Area Thrives
3. Promote FREE SEL4ME, other Social Emotional Learning Supports; strategies for Youth Mattering
4. Promoted statewide SIRP classes (class for students who have violated school substance use policies) ADCARE – hosting the classes
5. Collaborate with 5210, Library, Schools and Gardiner Main Street, Rotary– Story Walks – Conversation thinking through possibilities around connecting with the Community
 - a. Partner with Johnson Hall
 - b. Gardiner Main Street
 - c. Pittston Fair
 - d. Greater Gardiner River Festival – Weekend before the 4th or Father’s Day
 - e. Waterfront Concerts Friday nights through Johnson Hall
 - f. Bicentennial
 - g. Art Walks
 - h. Co-Op – Penny Mosher, Mgr
6. PRIDE planning for June 2021 and 2022– GSTA at Gardiner Art walk in June for Pride Month, students were invited to participate, time after school (Tigers Create) 8 to 10 canvas that will be shared throughout the community, also having a presentation at school – Art Supplies, Youth at GSTA will be designing T-Shirts and they will include the logo
7. Parent Education around Marijuana: Laws, THC content, Safe Storage
8. Continue to collaborate with the city of Gardiner
9. Parent and Youth education and prevention of use of or co-use of Tobacco and Marijuana (both smoked and vaped)
10. Alcohol education and prevention
 - a. Brief training for parents to talk with their kids, MS, 5 talking points;
 - b. Promote free retail alcohol server trainings through the state, and

- c. For young adults 3) provide alternatives to alcohol use; dry January, options for holidays, consequences of OUI; promote new young adult know your 'sipping' point for safer drinking
 - d. Communities Talk Statewide collaboration with ADCare and SAMSHA: Maine Communities Talk: Addressing Underage Drinking Amidst the Pandemic, -tie in stress and anxiety
11. Partner with more local organizations and expand existing engagement where appropriate
- a. Boys & Girls Club of KV, more interaction with Holly for planning and implementation
 - b. Gardiner Main Street partners include Library; businesses; Trails, and Artists; identify opportunities (Patricia sits on Board)
 - c. Rotary members include West Gardiner citizens, banks, school, businesses, members of American Legion, Masons, and athletic association at MSAD #11, law enforcement. Also identify opportunities. (Patricia is a member of Rotary)