



Healthy kids

Healthy families

Healthy communities

Coalition Website: www.chi-goodhue.org

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Dear National Night Out Participant:

National Night Out is a time for the community to come together, getting to know your neighbors and to support law enforcement efforts in their fight against crimes. As citizens of the Kenyon-Wanamingo communities, we all want to create a safe and healthy environment for our youth. As we look at the crimes that are committed, many of the crimes are associated with alcohol and drug abuse. The KW Chemical Health Initiative Council is here to work within our community to identify the risk factors that exist and to promote positive choices so that we can create a safe and healthy environment for the youth of our community. The council includes representatives from various sectors of the community and invites you to join in our efforts! The KW Council meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30 and alternate between the KW Elementary School (Even Months) and the KW High School (Odd Months).

The Chemical Health Initiative has a wealth of information on our websites. Below is the web addresses to each of the sites along with a brief description:

 **Main Coalition Website:** www.chi-goodhue.org

(Here you will find information about our coalition, local councils, resources and information of how you can help in your specific sector.)

 **Parent Network Website:** www.chi-parentnetwork.org

(This site is specifically designed for parents and includes great information and pictures of drugs, signs and symptoms along with communication tips. This site also includes community reference information such as the MN State High School League rules, community curfews and resource links.)

 **Youth "Howie" Website:** www.chi-howie.org

(This site is designed for the youth of our community. Howie, who is the CHI mascot, provides age appropriate information relating to drugs and alcohol. The site also has a scrapbook of Howie events along with a Suggestion Box.)

Stay tuned for more information about the upcoming S.A.F.E. (Safe Alternative For Everyone) prescription drug disposal program. The CHI is working with Law Enforcement and Public Health to bring this program to Goodhue County citizens in Fall of 2010. More information will be distributed closer to the implementation date.

During the 2010 National Night Out event, we encourage you to spread the word about the local CHI efforts. Your support and participation in this meaningful initiative is very much appreciated! If you are interested in participating in your local council, please call (651) 385-6105.

Together we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

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