Children’s Health and Wellness System of Care Task Force

The Children’s Health and Wellness System of Care Task Force is the combination of two previously existing groups in the North Quabbin. This arrangement allows for a comprehensive look at holistic wellness for children and family systems living in the North Quabbin. The group focuses on behavioral health access, increased physical activity, positive parent/child interaction, access to nutritious food, and fun. The group also sponsors many special events throughout the year and created the Parenting Overload weekly text or email blast program to help share tips, tricks, supports, activities and groups directly to parents. This task force is made possible through a North Quabbin Community Coalition and Clinical Support Options partnership.

Monthly Community Forums

Third Friday of each month (September – May)
9:00 to 10:30 am
Athol-Orange Elks Lodge, 92 New Athol Rd/Rt 2A
Orange, Massachusetts
Annual Luncheon: June
Legislative Forum: November
More information at:
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Membership

Membership in the Coalition is open to all agencies, religious communities, business and industry, government officials, civic groups and other interested individuals and organizations. The Coalition holds monthly meetings (the third Friday of every month except July & August) on relevant topics, facilitates monthly task forces on critical local issues, publishes a monthly newsletter, provides resource materials, networking services and advocacy efforts on behalf of Coalition issues. The North Quabbin Community Coalition is an affiliate of Heywood Healthcare. The Coalition is funded in part by the generous contributions of members and its funders: Massachusetts Department of Public Health; the Department of Children & Families’ Community Connections; Town of Athol — North Quabbin Loan Fund; Clinical & Support Options, Family Nurturing Center of MA; Heywood Charitable Foundation, The Opioid Task Force and Heywood Healthcare.

Special NQCC Events

February - Munch ’N Move
April - River Rat Race Parade
May - Family Fun Day
August - National Night Out
October - Celebrate the Harvest Parade

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Our Mission...
Founded in 1984, the North Quabbin Community Coalition is a community-wide alliance whose mission is to improve the quality of life for all those living and working in the nine town region. Towns include: Athol, Erving, New Salem, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Warwick and Wendell.

North Quabbin Jail to Community Task Force
The NQ Jail to Community Task Force is the newest of the NQCC task forces. The task force partners with providers, the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, Orange District Court, law enforcement and area residents. The mission of this group is to build a network of support and opportunity for North Quabbin residents returning to the community, post incarceration, to promote productive engagement in society, healthy families, and community.

Invest North Quabbin (INQ)/North Quabbin Loan Fund
Invest North Quabbin (INQ) is driven by a steering committee with feedback from the nine town region. The project focuses on the growing needs of infrastructure support, housing development, and training, as well as information and referral to community partners. The North Quabbin Loan Fund works hand in hand with INQ and provides gap financing for businesses across the North Quabbin region in Athol, Erving, New Salem, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Warwick and Wendell.

Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force
Formed in 2011, the Task Force is a community-wide alliance with a diverse membership representing the entire region. The group has been involved in Drug Take Back events to raise awareness and to reduce access to prescription drugs, sponsors local National Night Out events in Athol, Orange and Petersham and has worked in advocating for tighter controls on over the counter products being marketed to youth. The group is now planning parent education workshops and is working with local schools and law enforcement to build prevention efforts and to promote access to treatment for residents of all ages.

The North Quabbin Woods Project
For over ten years, the North Quabbin Woods project has promoted the cultural and historical assets of this unique region. Our reach spans nationwide with a comprehensive website (www.northquabbinwoods.org) featuring visitor resources for the region as well as a comprehensive Area Calendar of Events.

Community Education
The NQCC offers a variety of community education opportunities including support for local non-profit organizations, staff development and management training.

Safety & Prevention:
- Enough Abuse Campaign: Overview of prevention strategies.
- Understanding Offenders and the SORB Requirements
- Policy and Environmental Scan: Available to all youth serving organizations.
- Informed Supervision: Working with children exhibiting sexual behaviors.
- Parent Workshops: Includes hands-on strategies for all age groups.
- Working with Teens: Preventing sexual abuse of adolescents.
- Grandparents as a Prevention Resource
- Child Care Provider Training
- Talk About Touching: A child safety skill building curriculum.
- Babies Cry, Have a Plan! Abusive head trauma prevention training.
- Question, Pursuade, Refer: Lifelines suicide prevention training.
- Internet Safety: Staying safe on-line.
- Marijuana & the Adolescent Brain training.

Management/Organization:
- Supervision in the Helping Professions Family Support Training
- Nurturing Parenting Program Training and Consultation
- Sustainable Fatherhood Program Support and Training
- Dynamic Facilitation Training

Comprehensive Resource Guide and Event Calendar at www.nqcc.org