

*Mission: To enhance the quality of young lives in Waltham
 by identifying the needs of all Waltham youth and coordinating the resources to meet those needs.*

Direct Programming:

- Need-based financial aid for extended day programs (Extended Day Challenge) (40+ children)
 - Family Literacy Coalition (20+ member organizations)
 - Career Day at Waltham High School (350 students)
 - Job Shadows for Middle School Students (50 students)

Coordinating Resources Programming:

<p>After School and Literacy Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support two After School Learning Centers (124 children) • Linked IBM with Extended Day (85 children) • Support development of additional after-school and extended day programs • Support for middle school robotics program • Coalition building • Workforce Prep Plus (WP2) links education, career awareness, and youth services for at-risk youth ages 14-21 (50 youth) • Verizon Foundation supports literacy programs • Community mapping luncheon, stressing collaborative planning • Sought Burgess Foundation support for literacy in the Hispanic community • Sought 21st Century Community Learning Center funds • Wrote Barbara Bush Foundation proposal seeking support for literacy activities • Wrote Crossroads Foundation proposal seeking support for literacy activities • Wrote Carlisle Foundation proposal seeking funds for Waltham • Resource for Power Program DOE grant • Referral center for after-school, adult education and ESL programs 	<p>Link corporations and school community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment donations to Waltham Public Schools • Waltham Public Schools as a “community volunteer partner” with Tufts Health Plan. • Waltham Public Schools partnered with Computer Sciences Corporation • Vocational Programming Director on Waltham Rotary Club Board of Directors • Non-profit Council, Waltham West Suburban Chamber of Commerce • 128 Business Expo and Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting • Resource for youth employment opportunities • Youth Council, Metro South/West Regional Employment Board • City of Waltham for SummerWorks • Waltham Youth Employment Network • Resource for BEAT, Career Center, and other career programs 	<p>Other Youth Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Summer Lunch Program (6000+ free lunches served) • Linked Open Lunch Program with summer academic support programs (11,580 additional instructional hours for 229 students) • Coordinate summer activity listing for youth • Resource for youth social services • Member of Waltham Interagency Council • Member of Waltham School Building Committee • Member of Healthy Waltham 2001 • Resource for literacy activities in Waltham • Host Waltham Family Literacy Coalition • Support Teen Center • Resource for tutors, activities, programming, and transportation needs • Link Teen Center to schools & other after school programs • Resource for Kids FEAST at Salvation Army
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