

I am reaching out to you because you were one of the many community members who were invited to attend and/or participated in the Boys and Girls Club of Souhegan Valley/CAST (Community Action for Safe Teens) community forums.

As you are aware, the forum results identified multiple issues in need of attention. We want all of you to remain an integral part of the youth issues conversation that began with the forums. Your voice and your opinions matter and your participation in developing worthwhile programs to address issues that affect our youth are truly valued!

CAST has recently organized into subcommittees and would like to invite you to continue your association with us through any means that you are able. Some suggestions are:



- **Join us at our monthly meetings** - we meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 3:30-5pm at SAU #40 Central Offices located at 100 West St., Milford NH (Milford High School).
- **Join one of our subcommittees:**
 - **The Sustainability Committee:** works to develop short-term project based and long-term sustainable funding streams. Also supports assessment and evaluation of initiatives as well as sustainability/strategic planning.
Current Members: Renea Sparks, Chair; Donna Arias, Libby Wehrle-Anderson, Monica Gallant
 - **The Regulation Committee:** works to influence policies and local ordinances and develops/implements programs that support policy changes and curriculum development.
Current Members: Paula Troie, Chair; Renea Sparks, Monica Gallant
 - **The Communications Committee:** works to disseminate via various media including print, website, public relations activities, presentations, etc. Provides outreach to engage, education, and enroll parents, civic organizations, school, town, police resources, businesses, and other community members.
Current Members: Libby Wehrle-Anderson, Chair; Cathy Cray, Monica Gallant
 - **The Youth Issues Committee:** recruits, engages, and mentors youth leaders. Provides support, training and programs to engage youth in CAST initiatives.
Current Members: Monica Gallant, Chair; Paula Troie, Cathy Cray, Tom Getchell-Lacey
- **Choose to assist us in our endeavors by forwarding and promoting information about our cause.**
 - Help reach more people through advertising (printing out a flyer to post up), and through word of mouth.
 - We can supply educational materials through the NH Department of Health and Human Services Informational clearinghouse or by direct requests through the substance abuse prevention organizations.
- **Be an ambassador of positive change** within your area of practice. Whether through religious affiliation, school district, town administration, or social services, your insight and resources will help to address issues that affect our youth.

Please consider our suggestions - or provide one of your own and let us know how you would like to assist us in sustaining our community wide efforts to address the significant issues our youth face today. How do you see yourself or your organization contributing to these efforts?

Please send your email to mgallant4@aol.com. Thank you so very much for your time and efforts and we hope to hear from you soon.

Most Sincerely,
Monica Gallant, Chair CAST and Members of Community Action for Safe Teens (CAST)