

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE: BOARD OF HEALTH

PLACE: ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT – SECOND FLOOR
100 W KEENAN ST; RHINELANDER, WI
CALL-IN OPTION – 1-312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 832 1772 7297 Password: 897278

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DATE: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 **TIME:** 9:00 AM

It is possible that a quorum of county board members will be at this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the County Board pursuant to State ex rel Badke v. Greendale Village Board, Wis 2d 553, 494 n.w.2d 408 (1993), and must be noticed as such, although the County Board will not take any formal actions at this meeting. It is also possible that there may be quorums of other County Board Committees present, although those committees will not take any formal action at this meeting.

ALL AGENDA ITEMS ASSUMED TO BE DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

AGENDA:

1. Call to order and Chairperson's announcements.
2. Approve agenda for today's meeting (order of agenda items at Chairperson's discretion).
3. Approve minutes from [June 9, 2026](#), Board of Health Committee Meeting
4. Public comment/communication
5. Introduction of Staff:
 - Kallie Valk – Summer Intern
 - Mackenzie Troyer – Finance Technician
6. Staff Reports
 - [FACT: Shelby Moore](#)
 - [WINS: Moriah Gross](#)
 - [Tobacco: Shelby Moore](#)
7. Monthly / Quarterly Reports:
 - [Environmental Health](#)
8. Rural Health Transformation Grant
9. 2026 WIC LTE Expanded Hours
10. 2027 LTE Requests
11. Strategic Plan
12. PFAS Update
13. Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters
14. Date and agenda items for next meeting
15. Public comment/communication
16. Adjournment

NOTICE OF POSTING

TIME: 12:00 PM DATE: 7/10/2026 PLACE: Courthouse Bulletin Board

Dan Hess, Chair

Notice posted by Joneil Tess, Committee Secretary. Additional information on a specific agenda item may be obtained by contacting the person who posted this notice at 715-369-6106.

NEWS MEDIA NOTIFIED BY EMAIL DATE: 7/10/2026 TIME: 12:00 PM

Northwoods River News	Lakeland Times	Star Journal
Tomahawk Leader	WHDG Radio Station	News WJFW Channel 12
WXPR Radio Station	WPEG.net Television Network	

Notice is hereby further given that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Tracy Hartman at (715) 369-6125 with specific information on your request allowing adequate time to respond to your request.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.
2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to apprise members of the public and news media.

TIME FOR NOTICE:

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is good cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.
3. Separate notice for each meeting of the governmental body must be given.

EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES & SUBUNITS

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful setting to act or deliberate upon the subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

1. Motion must be made, seconded and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

SYNOPSIS OF STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SESSIONS ARE PERMITTED:

1. Concerning a case which was the subject of a Judicial or quasi-judicial trial before this governmental body. Sec. 19.85(1)(a)
2. Considering dismissal, demotion or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b)
3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Sec. 19.85(1)(c)
4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d)
5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(e)
6. Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f), except where paragraph 2 applies.
7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g)
8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h)

PLEASE REFER TO CURRENT STATUTE SECTION 19.85 FOR FULL TEXT**CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:**

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session within twelve hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.
4. No business may be taken up at any closed session except that which relates to matters contained in the chief presiding officer's announcement of the closed session.
5. In order for a meeting to be closed under Section 19.85(1)(f) at least one committee member would have to have actual knowledge of information which he or she reasonably believes would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation involved and there must be a probability that such information would be divulged. Thereafter, only that portion of the meeting where such information would be discussed can be closed. The balance of that agenda item must be held in open session.

BALLOTS, VOTES AND RECORDS:

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

PENALTY:

Upon conviction, any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each violation.

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Counsel Office - 5/16/96**

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2026**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair William “Casey” Crump, Lenore Lopez, Sandy Hamburg, Robb Jensen, Ann Huntoon

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Chair Dan Hess, Dr. Khrystyne Lindgren

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Robbie Deede, Jennifer Chiamulera, Shelby Moore, Breana Johnson, Holly Jo Steldt and Joneil Tess

OTHERS PRESENT:

Call to order: Vice Chair Crump called the meeting to order at 9:00am on the second floor of the Health & ADRC Building, 100 W. Keenan Street, Rhinelander, WI. The meeting was posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Crump/Jensen to approve today’s agenda with the order of items at the Chair’s discretion to move around. All ayes; motion carried.

Minutes of May 12, 2026: Motion by Lopez/Hamburg to approve the May 12, 2026 Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

Public Comment/Communications: None

Welcome New Board of Health Members: Conlon said we have two brand new board members at today’s meeting.

Robb Jensen – Jensen introduced himself as County Supervisor for District 11 since 2013. He has participated in multiple committees.

Ann Huntoon – Huntoon introduced herself as the RN citizen member and stated she has been a full-time resident of Oneida County for 8 years. She is a registered nurse with a degree in music and is familiar with public health work from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Welcome Summer Interns:

Breana Johnson: Johnson introduced herself. She recently graduated from UW Eau Claire with a bachelor’s degree with a major in public health and minor in nursing. Johnson was here last summer and is working with Chiamulera again this year.

Holly Jo Steldt: Steldt introduced herself. She graduated from Concordia University with a bachelor’s degree in social work and plans to continue her education in the fall by pursuing a master’s degree. She is currently an AHEC intern and is involved in fieldwork such as WINS checks, going out into the community to complete these assessments.

Kallie Volk: Conlon mentioned that Volk was unable to attend the meeting as she was out in the field for beach testing training.

Conlon noted that the interns are integral part of the team, bringing a lot of eagerness, enthusiasm, and a strong desire to contribute meaningfully. The team is excited to have Breana back and to

welcome Jo & Kallie. Conlon mentioned the interns are actively supporting efforts like beach testing, community baby shower, WINS checks, and the development of social media toolkits.

Staff Report Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program – Jenny Chiamulera / Shelby Moore: Moore and Chiamulera both introduced themselves.

Chiamulera provided an update on the COSSUP grant received in 2023, which runs through September of this year. The program is working on an extension. The grant supports peer recovery services and expanded access to recovery housing in Oneida County.

The community response program works with the criminal justice system and accepts referrals from multiple sources. The Rhinelander Police Department participates in a law enforcement initiative and refers individuals to services. The program worked with the Wisconsin Deflection Initiative and other deflection programs to host a Law Enforcement Deflection Training in June. About 9 law enforcement agencies participated. It was the first of its kind in the state. The Rhinelander Police Department is involved at the local level, while a county diversion program exists but operates separately.

The program aims to connect individuals to services as an alternative to jail through deflection. Peer recovery programs have shown success, and staff noted ongoing progress in county efforts.

Funding currently comes from grants and opioid settlement dollars. Human Services is also working on billing options and applying for additional grants.

Recovery housing was discussed as a community need. The goal is to support individuals in recovery by providing housing and life skills. Work includes developing policies, conducting a feasibility study, and recruiting stakeholders. A recovery consultant has been hired to assist with planning, policy development, and coordination. A committee is involved that includes representatives from the Board of Health, county board, local government, individuals with lived experience, and law enforcement. The project is grant-funded and time-limited, and work is ongoing to identify an operator, address zoning, and finalize program details.

Monthly/Quarterly Reports:

Health Hazards: Deede introduced himself and reviewed the quarter 1 of 2026 health hazard report. Discussion followed.

Accreditation: Conlon stated that the OCHD has been reaccredited for the second time. She read a letter from Paula Tran from the State of Wisconsin recognizing the achievement. Conlon explained that the reaccreditation process takes place every five years and is an ongoing effort. She said the process helps the organization stay prepared, increase efficiencies, show accountability and strengthens its ability to apply for grants.

Public Health Vending Machine:

Conlon said this has been a fun project supported by a grant and thanked Buildings and Grounds and IT for their support. The public health vending machine will be placed under the back overhang of the building to protect it from the elements.

The machine will provide free items such as dental kits for adults and children, First aid kits, socks, sun screen and mittens during the winter months. Conlon said the machine is a true public health resource and noted that many counties already have similar machines.

PFAS Update: Conlon mentioned there is a virtual listening session coming up for community representatives to share ideas about how PFAS funding could be implemented to best meet the needs of individuals and communities throughout Wisconsin. Discussion followed.

Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters:

Crump asked if everyone had reviewed the report. Conlon reviewed the process of the budgets for new members. Conlon said she has no concerns at this time. Crump noted the presentation of the vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers.

Date and Agenda items for next meeting: Next meeting slated for Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 9am, Kallie Volk

Public comment/communications: None

Committee Chair or Designee

Joneil Tess

Committee Secretary

Rhinelanders FACT Group

Youth Driven Tobacco Advocacy Program

Youth Engagement

FACT is part of the Wisconsin Commercial Tobacco Prevention and Treatment Program. **Rhinelanders FACT Group** members from **James William Middle School (JWMS)** spread the truth about tobacco in their school and community. Oneida County Health Department staff facilitate the FACT Group.



Youth as Partners



Why Youth?

Because they are the experts

Young people are the experts of their own health experience. Involving them within processes and decision-making that impacts their health improves overall health outcomes.

(Best Practice User Guide, Youth Engagement; CDC; US DHS)

Leadership Opportunities



Participation in FACT offers meaningful leadership opportunities, allowing youth to **develop advocacy skills** while serving as consultants and educators.

In 2025, FACT members learned about the Strategic Prevention Framework through **hands-on, action-based activities**. Youth shared their ideas during a brainstorming session and helped plan, create, and launch a **positive anti-vaping poster campaign** in school bathrooms. Turning youth voices into meaningful action!



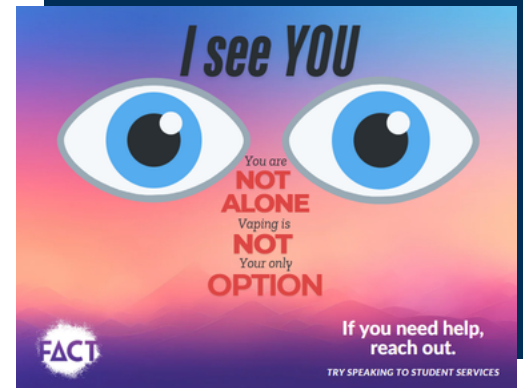


Youth as Educators

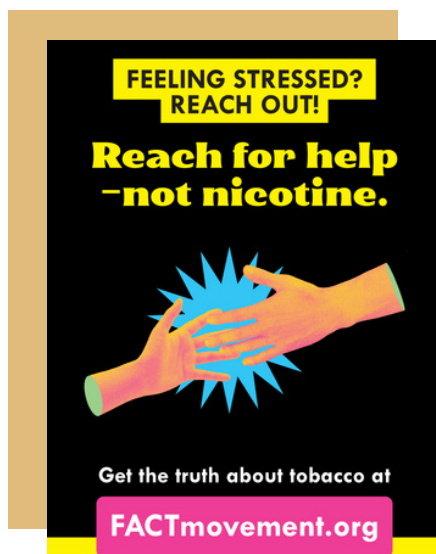
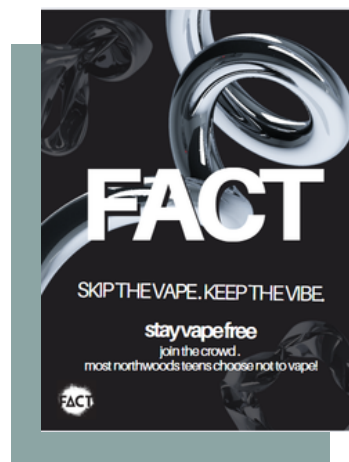
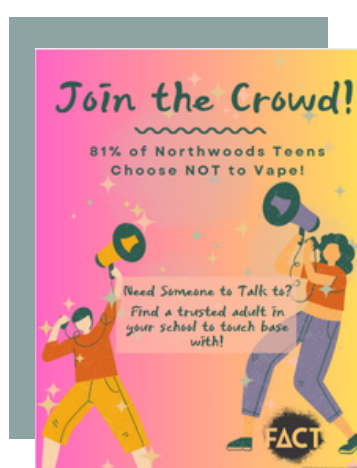
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The most commonly reported **risk factor** is **social acceptability and peer pressure**, as vaping is often seen as normal or “cool” within certain friend groups.

(Oneida County Middle School Student Focus Group 2024)



Rates of risky behaviors are often overestimated. FACT members **learned** about and **gathered data** on social norms related to youth vaping. Using this information, they created a **positive social norms campaign** aimed at **clarify misperceptions** and **promoting positive social norms** by highlighting that most youth make healthy behavior choices. School bathrooms were selected as the campaign poster location because they are spaces where youth are often exposed to vaping.



FACT hosted **Lunch Events at JWMS** in 2025. On May 15th, **Mental Health Action Day**, the FACT lunch event focused on encouraging and empowering their peers while showing support for positive mental health! They promoted FACT's mental health campaign, **REACH OUT**, to encourage young people to ask for help and support instead of turning to nicotine.

31%

Young people report using nicotine and vaping as coping strategies for stress, anxiety, and other mental health concerns.

(Oneida County Middle School Student Focus Group 2024)



Wisconsin Wins (WI Wins) is a science-based strategy to decrease youth access to tobacco products and help support retailer compliance with the law through inspections and education.

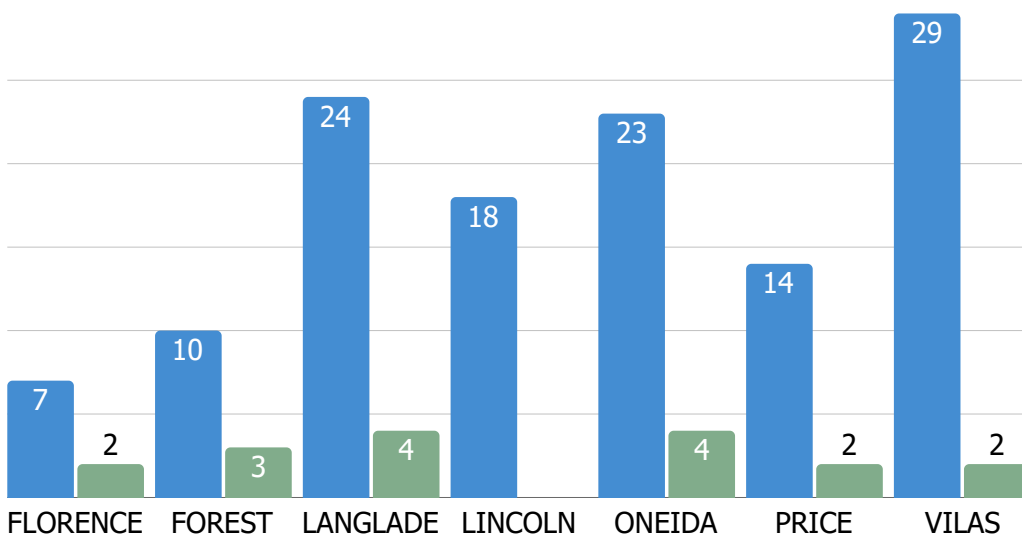
Why is Wisconsin Wins Important?

By preventing underage sales, WI Wins helps curb early tobacco use, reducing the risk of addiction and long-term health issues among young people.

Tobacco Inspection Results

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

● COMPLETED INSPECTIONS ● UNDERAGE SALES

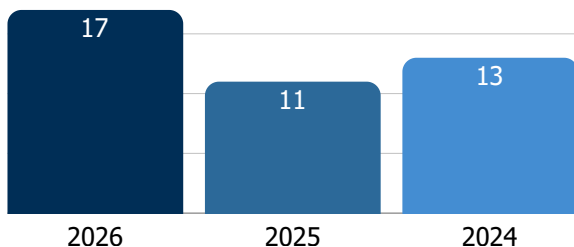


OCHD conducts inspections in **7** counties.

86%
No Sale Rate

Underage Sales

2024-2026



Common Reasons for Sales

- Clerk did not check ID
- Clerk misread birth year on ID.
- Clerk's "mental math" was inaccurate when subtracting birth year from current year.

Northwoods Tobacco Free Coalition

TOBACCO USE IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH IN OUR STATE

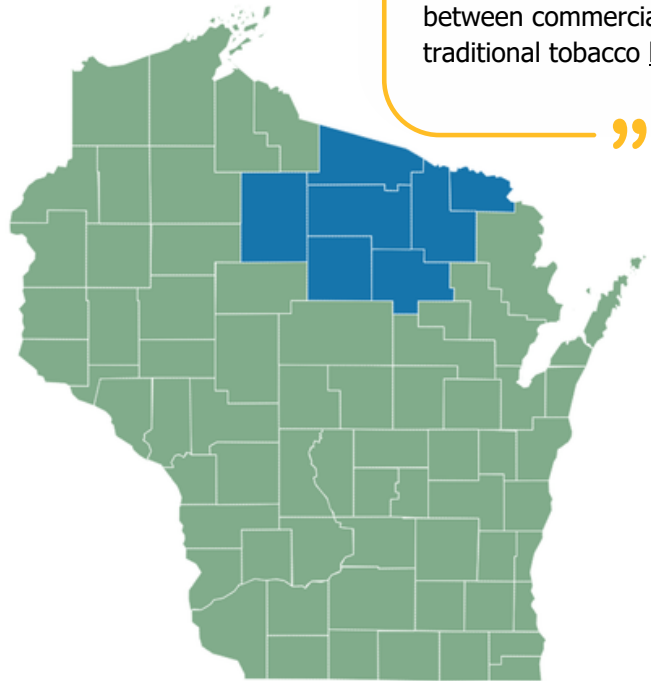
What is the NWTFC?

The Northwoods Tobacco-Free Coalition (NWTFC) is a coalition led by OCHD that represents Florence, Forest, Lincoln, Oneida, Price, Vilas and Langlade Counties. NWTFC's vision is to create a community where every individual has the opportunity to live a healthy life, free from the harms of commercial tobacco.

The goals of NWTFC are to:

- Eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke and aerosol
- Promote quitting among adults and youth
- Prevent initiation among youth and young adults

This report focuses on commercial tobacco. Learn about the key difference between commercial and traditional tobacco [here](#).



Why is tobacco prevention important?



E-Cigarette use among youth and young adults is a **public health crisis**.

The most common reason youth give for vaping: **"I feel anxious, stressed or depressed."**

In Oneida County, we take care of each other. [Click here](#) to join us in making sure everyone has an opportunity to live a healthy life, free from the harms of commercial tobacco.

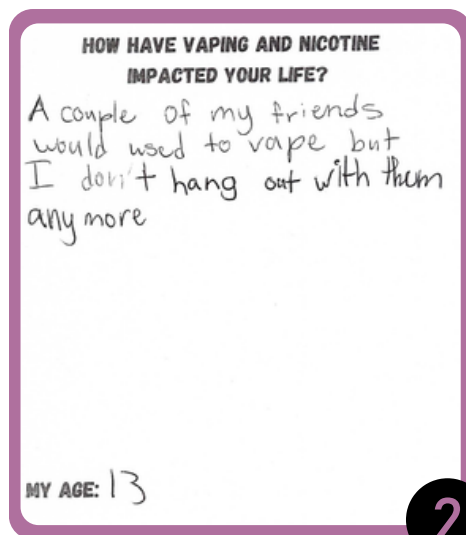
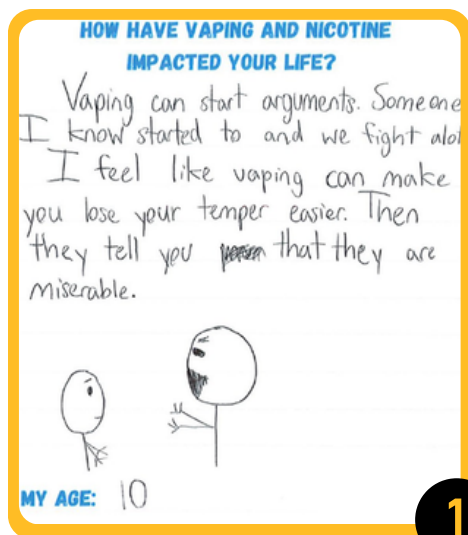
Tobacco Targeting

Most young people (58%) agree that tobacco companies target them. They notice big tobacco marketing in their communities and online.

Tobacco Prevention

Youth Voices Lifted in the Community

NWTFC participated in the statewide Youth Voice Project and created a regional report, highlighting feedback from local youth. The Youth Voice Project engaged over 100 youth in asking
"How has nicotine impacted your life?"



Some key themes:

1. Family and Friend Health Concerns
2. Social Isolation
3. Marketing Impact

Full report that has call to actions and resources!

SCAN ME!



Third Spaces for Youth

To combat social isolation caused by nicotine use, the Youth Substance Use Prevention Team collaborated with the local FACT group in hosting the Smoke Free and Spooky Adventure night.

The event had over 20 youth enjoy a nicotine-free evening where they learned how to play D&D, build supportive friendships and access cessation resources while strengthening healthy lifestyle choices.



14+ pounds of vapes collected from Oneida County schools for proper disposal

Geek Bar is the most popular vape collected from schools in Oneida County



LAKE WATER QUALITY

Beach Testing

What we monitor:

- E. coli levels
- Algae blooms
- Beach conditions
- Other human health hazards

Why?

E. coli is a bacteria that can make people sick if ingested, especially for young children. Algae blooms are also a concern, as they can be very toxic or deadly to anyone and pets.

Where?

Buck Lake Beach
Hodag Park
Torpy Park
Sugar Camp Public Beach
Maple Lake Beach



Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

What is it?

HABs are a type of cyanobacteria that can create deadly toxins. It's naturally occurring and can happen when water conditions are warm and stagnant.

What does it look like?

- Spilled green or blue paint
- Pea soup
- Small greens dots floating
- Floating scums, globs, or mats

In general, it's hard to know whether a bloom is toxic or not! Lab testing is expensive and time consuming.

When in doubt, stay out!



HABs (continued)

What can you do?

1. Do not swallow or touch lake water that has an algal bloom
2. Do not let pets swim or lick their fur after swimming in an algal bloom
3. Rinse fish with clean, fresh water and throw away guts before cooking and eating
4. Don't swim in areas where you can't see your feet at knee-depth

Report a bloom

- DHS: call 608-266-1120 or complete the Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) Illness or Sighting Survey online form
- DNR: Algal Bloom Reporting Form online or email DNRHABS@wisconsin.gov
- OCHD: call 715-369-6111 or email eh@oneidacountywi.gov

Sources:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/algae/index.htm>

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/lakes/bluegreenalgae>

