



LINCOLN COUNTY
Unite for Youth

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Celebrating Collaboration and Collective Impact



Who We Are

Lincoln County Unite for Youth (UFY) is a community-based coalition of individuals, agencies, and organizations united in our mission to elevate the health and well-being of youth and families in our community.

What We Do

UFY works collaboratively to connect local, state, and national resources in ways that support youth, strengthen families, and expand opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive.





Why it Matters

When we work together to help meet the needs of families and improve the lives of young people, our communities thrive.

Early Lessons in Prevention

- Prevention is decades work
- We are better together
- Be proactive
- Honor the CONCERN and offer HOPE for a better future

Overarching Goals

- Connect local, state, and national resources
- Increase capacity and infrastructure to reduce youth substance use and elevate well-being

Communities That Care (CTC)

Taking time to listen, and to honor the voice of our community...

Defining our focus areas

- Strengthen developmental relationships
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Expand opportunities for youth and community connection
- Elevate well-being

Connecting Community Resources

Strengthening partnerships, and building capacity

Search Institute's Developmental Relationships

- UFY
- Representatives from partner agencies including WMMHC, CPS, Head Start, Zero to Five, Youth Court, Cabinet Peaks, Logan Health, Youth Serving and Faith-based organizations
- Libby and Eureka Public Schools - all staff trained in the five elements of developmental relationships
 - Express care, provide support, challenge growth, share power, and expand possibilities

A Call for Help

Widening the Circle

Second Step

- UFY
- Western Montana Mental Health Center (WMMHC/PFS)
- Libby Public Schools
 - Building upon the foundation of developmental relationships
 - All staff grades K-12 trained to deliver Second Step - SEL curriculum in short daily lessons

Collective Impact - the Power of Collaboration

Connecting resources, increasing capacity and infrastructure, establishing trust, and expanding our reach.

Teen Mental Health First Aid

- Public Health, WMMHC/DPHHS-PFS, UFY, Libby and Eureka Public Schools, LOR Foundation, OD2A mini-grants, Lincoln County Commissioners
- Adults trained include 16 member facilitation team, at least 10 percent of school staff, ALL students in grades 10-12
- Training opportunities for county employees, Love Inc volunteers, parents and community members

“This collaboration thing... is the way to go.”
(Ron Goodman, Superintendent - Libby Public Schools)

Looking Ahead...

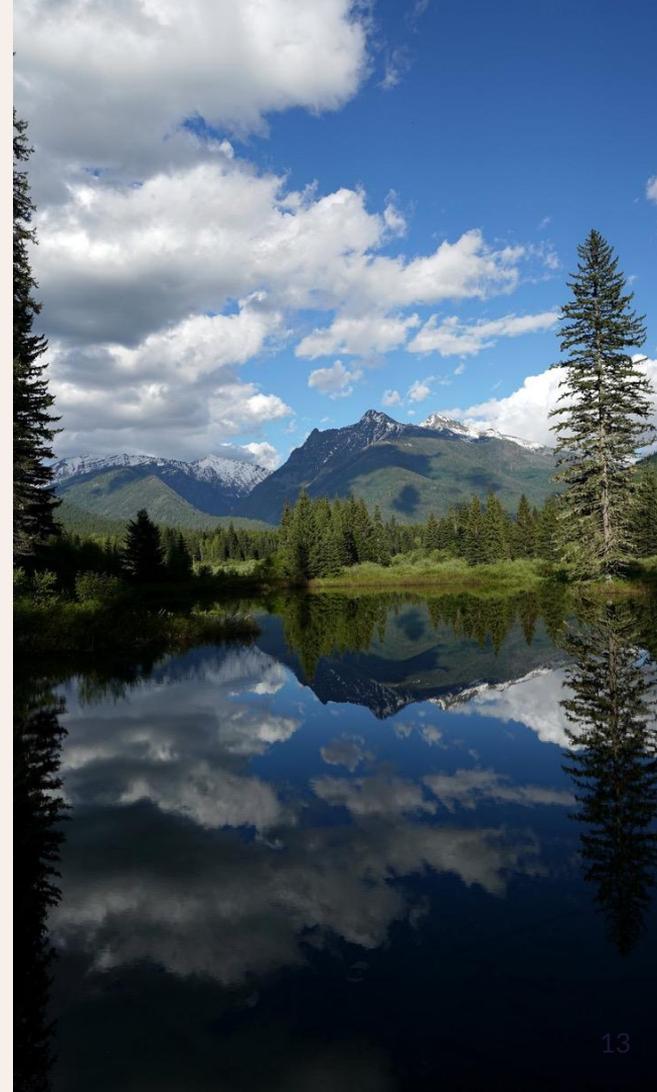
Promoting Positive Childhood Experiences (PCE's) and Advancing HOPE (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences)

- Montana's Early Childhood Team, Montana Institute, and OD2A
 - PCEs have a positive impact on adult mental health and levels of substance abuse
- Local partners include WMMHC, Zero to Five Lincoln County, Lincoln County Public Health, Healthcare, CPS, Youth Court, Treatment Court, Area Schools, Spring Up Troy, Libby, and Eureka Teams, Love Inc, LOR Foundation, area Chambers of Commerce, and more

Better Together

Like you, we want to be part of a community, a county, and a state where youth and families are connected and engaged and have all they need to thrive.

Let's work together, expand our reach and make a positive and lasting impact in every life.



Resource Links

[Search Institute's Developmental Relationships](#)

[Balancing Adverse Childhood Experiences with HOPE](#)

[Building Blocks of Hope](#)

[Positive Childhood Experiences](#)



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