

DARE to CARE

There's a new team in Waushara County. As schools transition from volleyball and football to basketball and wrestling, Glenn, Dave, Michelle, Sue, Todd, Chris, Flo, Tony and Diane will be recruiting others to join their new team. Their team will not shoot a free throw, pin their opponent, cross the goal line or score a service ace. These people have joined together to form the Waushara County DEC Team. Through their efforts as a team they will improve the future for all children in Waushara County.

Many of you may have heard of the Waushara County Meth Task Force. A decision has been made to change the role of the Task Force to include all drugs and the State of Wisconsin recently acknowledged the formation of the Waushara County Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Team. Individuals from Human Services, Sheriff's Department, Public Health, Corporation Counsel, District Attorney's Office, Faith Community, Department of Corrections, Emergency Services, Wild Rose Hospital and Public Schools are partnering as members of the DEC Team to ensure that children exposed to drugs and the associated negative affects of drug & alcohol abuse are provided with a safe environment. The DEC Team believes that providing the opportunity for children to be successful benefits everyone in the community especially the children as they grow into young adults.

The DEC Team and its broad range of members will permit it to approach potential problems from many different angles. Assistance for those parents that wish to work towards becoming drug-free, aggressive enforcement of laws related to drug offenses, support for children that have been exposed to negative role models, and community education to enlist the help from all community members.

If your or your organization want to learn more about the Waushara County DEC Team effort, contact Glen at 920-787-6550 or Dave at 920-787-3321. More information can be found at www.wisconsindec.org. GO Hornets!

Sheriff David Peterson