

“Optimist OPTICS”



Today’s speaker was, Melanie Atwood, Director of Strategic Alliance at Youth First. She gave us some statistics that were very disturbing; 30% of seniors in our high schools were drunk in the last two weeks, the marijuana use among the area 8th graders is twice the national average, nearly 20% of local college students reported they drove drunk at least once in the last year.



Youth First is trying to find solutions to these and many other problems with personal attention. Melanie said they have 13 crisis interviews a week. These problems stem for substance abuse, lack of social and family skills and the list goes on and on. Youth First provides their services free, but the cost is high to maintain the programs. Dr. William Wooten started Youth First with a check. He continues to support, but it takes a village to support this many kids. The funding comes from the following: 45% Federal and State grants and 55% from corporations, organizations and individuals.



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