



October 9 - 11, 2026 Fall Conference

FEATURED SPEAKER



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HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT (HIPS)

AN INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT FOR PARENTS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

PRESENTED BY THE HEALTHY YOUTH COALITION (HYC) OF MARINETTE & MENOMINEE COUNTIES

Overview

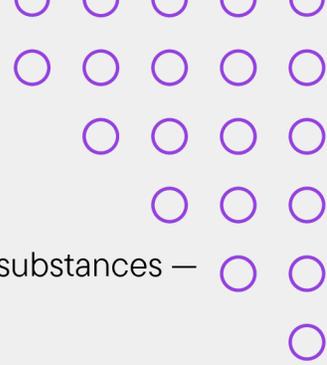
This hybrid session, both in-person and virtual, takes place Friday, October 09, from 6:00 pm -9:00 pm CST

The Healthy Youth Coalition (HYC) of Marinette & Menominee Counties' "Hidden in Plain Sight (HIPS)" exhibit gives parents and adults the chance to explore a mock teen bedroom filled with examples of youth substance use. This interactive experience helps raise awareness of local youth drug trends, teaches participants how to identify paraphernalia, and provides an opportunity to ask questions and learn prevention strategies for their child or youth they work with. Tours of the room are conducted by coalition staff and members, and law enforcement personnel.

What You Don't See... Matters.

Step inside a realistic teen bedroom and discover how drugs and alcohol can be hidden in plain sight. This powerful, hands-on exhibit reveals subtle warning signs that many adults overlook.





WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

Recognize the Warning Sign

Learn how everyday objects can conceal vaping devices, alcohol, and other substances — and what clues to watch for.

Understand Current Youth Trends

Get up-to-date information on local drug and alcohol trends, popular products, and youth slang.

Build Stronger Communication Skills

Gain practical strategies to start open, supportive conversations with youth.

Leave with Prevention Tools & Resources

Walk away with valuable community resources and prevention strategies you can use immediately.

Knowledge is prevention. Awareness is protection.

Join us for this eye-opening experience — what you learn could make all the difference.

Designations of Credit

WFAPA designates this session for 3 continuing foster care education clock hours.

Speaker Information

Karianne Lesperance

Karianne currently serves as the Executive Director of Prevention Services for the Menominee County Intermediate School District (ISD). The department houses two community prevention coalitions, Communities That Care and the Healthy Youth Coalition, which serve both Marinette and Menominee Counties. Karianne is a Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) in both Michigan and Wisconsin.

Danielle Lemke

Danielle is a Health and Well-Being Educator with the University of Wisconsin–Madison, Division of Extension, serving Marinette County. In this role, she works collaboratively with community partners to promote evidence-based strategies that strengthen individual, family, and community well-being. Danielle focuses on prevention education, coalition building, and community engagement efforts that address substance misuse prevention, mental health promotion, and positive youth development. She supports local coalitions, facilitates educational workshops, and helps communities translate research into practical action.

Through Extension's mission of connecting university resources with local needs, Danielle is committed to building healthier, more resilient communities across Marinette County.

Joe Nault

Joe is currently serving in the position of Captain at the Marinette Police Department. He has been a law enforcement officer for over 25 years. In his spare time, Joe serves in a few different other roles in his surrounding community as well. He is treasurer on the Board of Education in the Peshtigo School District, volunteers for Communities that Care of Marinette/Menominee, and assists in teaching the young adult group in faith formation at St Mary Church in Peshtigo. Joe also enjoys volunteering his time coaching athletic strength and conditioning and track and field in the Peshtigo School District.