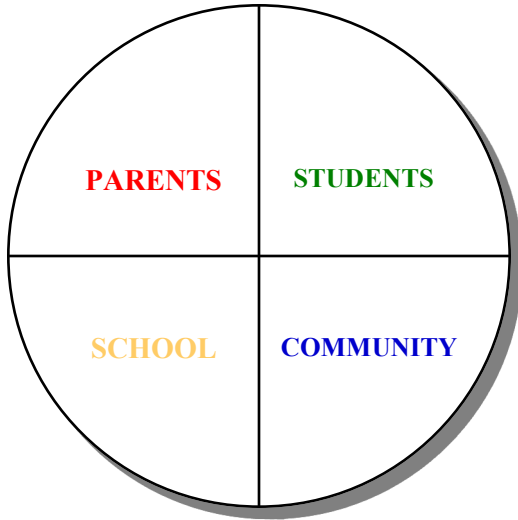


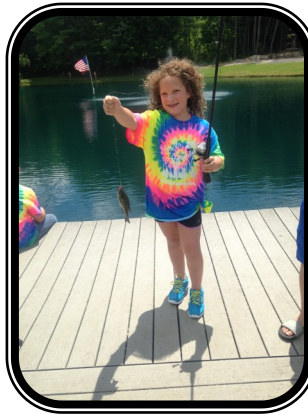


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when we work...**



The Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission provides preferential services to pregnant women and women with children who are seeking drug and alcohol treatment.

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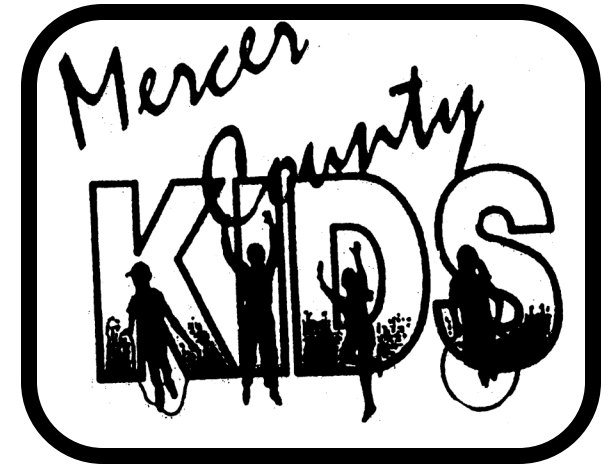
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Mercer County K.I.D.S.

Mercer County K.I.D.S. (Keeping Involved Directly with Students) is a comprehensive life skills prevention program that involves 5th and 6th grade students, parents, schools and communities. The goal of Mercer County K.I.D.S. is to:

- ◆ Provide a fun, safe and healthy summer camp experience
- ◆ Assist in positive decision-making
- ◆ Support personal growth
- ◆ Strengthen peer relationships



- ◆ Camp K.I.D.S.—a three week summer day camp experience.
- ◆ K.I.D.S. Club—three peer group meetings held throughout the school year.
- ◆ K.I.D.S. field trips—to the Mahoning Valley Scrappers Game, Farma Campgrounds and the Mercer County Courthouse.
- ◆ K.I.D.S. t-shirt—free Camp KIDS t-shirt provided to every camper

SCHOOL



A powerful ingredient to the success of Mercer County K.I.D.S. is the partnership with County School Districts. This collaboration provides an opportunity for Camp K.I.D.S. to use many of the school resources such as; facilities, equipment and buses. These school based resources are utilized to the fullest extent year round.

A school staff member is also provided which enhances the summer camp experience.

STUDENTS



Mercer County K.I.D.S. will seek to impact the thinking of today's children in several key prevention areas: conflict resolution, increasing self-esteem, enhancing positive social skills, broadening our cultural awareness and learning age appropriate alcohol and other drug facts. The children have several opportunities to grow and learn.

PARENTS



Parents are key to a student's emotional, mental and academic success.

Mercer County K.I.D.S. has several opportunities built into the for parent participation.

- ◆ Camp staff will at camp registration to meet with each family/parent individually.
- ◆ Parents are invited to take part in the Scrappers game field trip and the Camp Showcase (last day of camp).
- ◆ Parents have the opportunity to attend the Parent to Parent workshop. This workshop empowers parents to guide their children through the high risk years.

COMMUNITY

An old Indian proverb states that,

“It takes a community to raise a child.”

This component to Mercer County K.I.D.S. has served as a catalyst for community involvement and support. Campers interact with communities through our field trip experiences.