



## Wisconsin

### Crawford County, WI

Crawford County is one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People, in part, because, despite being too remote and scarcely populated, it has a 97% graduation rate. Its schools make up for our lack of “big name” centers by staying open late and opening their buildings for many of the area’s social and recreational opportunities. Computer labs have been opened to the public, gyms are used for adult intramural leagues, weight rooms/fitness areas are open for community use, theaters are used for community education presentations and parent programs, and school kitchens are opened for community suppers and senior events.

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### Eau Claire, WI

Eau Claire is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because of New Beginnings and Fresh Start, two outstanding examples of programs designed to ensure young people graduate from high school. New Beginnings is offered free of charge through the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. Retired teachers and university students volunteer to work with young people twice a week. Volunteers work with students one-on-one so that the individual needs of each student can be met. The Fresh Start Program is provided by Western Dairy land, a community action agency, and serves men and woman between the ages of 16 and 24. Participants work to build houses for eight hours a day, four days a week. Participants also complete classes that lead them to receive a high school equivalency diploma.

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### Fox Cities, WI

Fox Cities is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because of the way it plans for the future of its youth. Its 2006 LIFE Study (Local Indicators for Excellence) represents a comprehensive overview of the Fox Cities. The first study was released in 2001 and led to the development of the Fox Cities Rotary Multi Cultural Center, Harmony Café, the Tri-County Dental Clinic, the Venture Center at Fox Valley Technical College, and the Aging and Disability Resource Center initiative.

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## **Waukesha, WI**

Waukesha is one of the *100 Best Communities for Young People*, in part, because of the work of Waukesha Youth Collaborative. The **Waukesha Youth Collaborative** (WYC) is the recognized community leader in the coordination and engagement of youth and families to community services. These resources build strong values for successful, responsible youth. Founded in 2001, over 35 community agencies and organizations are active participants in the collaborative. The resources support a variety of after-school programs, summer activities, Safe Place activities and scholarships for youth. In addition, the innovative use of a website [www.waukeshateens.org](http://www.waukeshateens.org) provides a way for parents to learn about positive services and activities for their children.

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