

# Your Ideal Cohasset Community

We asked you, as members of the Cohasset community and workforce, back in December what you would want to see in your ideal Cohasset Community. Below are your responses.

Community involvement in all activities not just what one's own kids participate in

Awareness of all issues by this next generation of parents and responsibility for it

More kids riding their bikes and walking around town- less chauffeuring

More kids being on less structured schedules- learning to entertain themselves with outdoor activities

Kids delivering resiliency- top issue at colleges and universities- kids unable to handle everyday stressors

Reduce entitlement attitude

Enforce all rules at home and at school

Accountability and responsibility among all citizens

No drugs, vaping, or even booze. (Booze is the initial 1<sup>st</sup> step) 99.9% of the times I have done something wrong has been due to booze.

Eliminate overdoses- heartbreaking on family

Participation in sports and outdoor activities

No bullying – always a rule in my house



Cohasset has natural beauty and great people- take out drugs, vaping, bullying and partake in outdoor activities instead

Restore respect for teachers by students and parents

Improvements in communication and well-being to validate young and old citizens who quickly become disenfranchised when ignored

Health & Safety- emotional well-being

Citizens who can cope w/ life's challenges in healthy ways- Resilient citizens!

Diversity- ethnically and socioeconomically

Engagement- adults who are active with interest in being on Boards/committees community-wide

Emphasis on arts in schools

Open communication between community and local boards/committees

More actual affordable housing options

Less division by gender

More vibrant downtown with a convenience store, deli, and less real estate agencies

More sidewalks and bike paths connecting to schools

Botvin Lifeskills Program adapted in the middle/high school

More public access to the ocean/harbor

A robust after school/early evening recreational programs in the town's/school's gyms- dodgeball, tumbling, volleyball, etc for middle and high schoolers

The community center should offer after school space for students to hang out and study

A public transit loop/ shuttle service

Mentors for youth

There is too much judgement among the adults which impact how kids treat each other, what they feel valued for, and their mental/physical health

Active arts community

Safe walkable areas

Programs for young families, teens, young professionals, and ones that connect the generations

Public spaces for all ages

An afterschool teen center

Increased athletic/recreational facilities and programs for both kids and adults in Town

Leadership to move proven initiatives forward

Improved technology and facility infrastructure

Openness toward new curriculum to aid in social/emotional well-being, trait identification, and acceptance of diversity

Collaboration between Town administration, school administration, businesses, and religious/civic organizations to facilitate good communications, lift each other up, and work together in shared goals

Mentoring youth attitudes toward helping one another

Increased community-focused activities

Adapting Lifeskills curriculum into CPS

Pride of place and compassion and generosity

A place and community for everyone- where all people, of all ages, of all interests, feel welcome and comfortable

Reduce judgement & teach tolerance for all

Encouraging cross-generational activities throughout the year

Sport court on the common (not the whole lot, to preserve open space as well)

Another sandwich shop in town for youth and adults

Cover on the pool for winter swimming and a place to hang out



## WHY ARE WE HERE?

**VISION**  
For Cohasset to be a healthy, substance-free environment for its youth.

**MISSION**  
To foster a strong and inclusive community that encourages healthy, educated and responsible choices about drug and alcohol use by promoting communication and collaboration designed to meet the unique needs of Cohasset families.

**GOAL**  
Decrease substance use amongst 12-17 year olds  
Resulting in prevented addiction in adulthood

Pick 5 and discuss with colleagues on what activities/programs/initiatives/actions need to be implemented to achieve the outcome. Also discuss who in your community would be the best to initiate the steps you've mentioned.

**Outcome 1**

*Actions/Person*

**Outcome 2**

*Actions/Person*

**Outcome 3**

*Actions/Person*

**Outcome 4**

*Actions/Person*

**Outcome 5**

*Actions/Person*