

**Rice County Chemical Health Coalition  
Independent Consultant  
Northfield Chemical Health Coordination**

The Northfield Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) seeks an independent consultant to provide organizational support to the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition, in collaboration with the Rice County Family Services Collaborative Coordinator and the HCI Coordinators.

**About the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition:** Since 2004, the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition has been working to prevent youth use of alcohol and other drugs. From its beginnings as a countywide, multi-sector work group convened by the Rice County Family Services Collaborative, the Coalition developed a comprehensive, research-based plan to address youth substance abuse in Rice County. The Coalition is comprised of Action Teams, each focused on a particular aspect of drug and alcohol abuse prevention. Work of the Coalition and its Action Teams is largely based on best practices found to be effective in other communities.

For more information on the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition and its work to date, see “Rice County Chemical Health Coalition Update” at [www.northfieldhci.org/nsnewsletters.php](http://www.northfieldhci.org/nsnewsletters.php)

**Description:** HCI seeks an independent consultant with knowledge and expertise in the areas of youth substance use prevention/intervention and coalition-building. This is a grant-funded opportunity, contingent on ongoing funding from the Rice County Family Services Collaborative. The estimated start date is April 1, 2008. The initial contract would run through June 30, 2008, with the possibility of renewal. Time needed for the completion of the project-focused work is estimated at (but not to exceed) 80 hours per month (240 hours total). The contracted rate for services is \$22 per hour.

**Deliverables:** Deliverables expected from this independent consultant include:

- Provide primary organizational support to the action teams of the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition. This includes the Enforcement Team, Provider Team, Media Action Team, and Northfield Mayor’s Task Force on Youth Alcohol & Drug Use.
- Implement coalition’s action plan in conjunction with the Rice County Family Services Collaborative Coordinator.
- Assist action teams with implementing targeted environmental strategies to reduce youth substance use.

- Recruit additional partners to participate in the Rice County Chemical Health Coalition's action teams.
- Work with Northfield Public Schools to identify and support school-based prevention and intervention efforts to reduce youth drug and alcohol use.
- Provide timely information on Coalition's efforts to local media and Coalition partners.
- Collect and submit data for grant accountability.

If interested, please submit documentation of relevant experience to the Northfield Healthy Community Initiative, 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Suite 128, Northfield, MN 55057. **Material review begins on March 12, 2008.**