



Positive Youth Development: Youth Empowerment

April 2026



Extension Youth Development Educator Diana Hammer centers the voice of young people so they can contribute meaningfully to decisions, civic life, and volunteering in Sheboygan County.

As a result of Diana's educational efforts:	
30 students from Central and South High toured County facilities, learning about career opportunities and local government.	April 2026
8 teens in juvenile detention participated in social emotional learning activities designed to reduce reoffending	Dec - April
About 15 homeschooled elementary students identified components of a community, named their own, and created unique community designs.	Nov. 2025

Needs Assessment

- There are **many** resources for young people in the county. School districts, organizations, and individuals are working hard **for** youth. There are fewer examples of activities happening **for and with** youth.

Completed Projects

- County Government Day Field Trip for 30 students at Central and South High Schools.
- 4 social emotional learning classes for 8 students in Sheboygan County Juvenile Detention
- 1 civics workshop for about 15 home schooled students at Lakeview Community Library, Random Lake.

Current Projects

- Organizing a County Government Day with Sheboygan County's Deputy Administrator for Kohler High School in May.
- Developing a workshop on Entrepreneurship for high school students attending the 4-H Summer Academy in June.
- Supporting the Town of Wilson's efforts to engage young people in their comprehensive planning process.
- Collaborating with Sheboygan County Youth Justice to provide leadership and social emotional learning to teens on supervision.