

## What Is KIM?

Kids in the Middle (KIM) is a United Way and community initiative that helps middle school students successfully transition to high school and young adulthood. The goal of this partnership is to provide students with meaningful experiences and connect them with caring adults and the community.

## Where Is KIM?

KIM has been implemented at Chippens Hill Middle School, Harry S. Fisher Middle School, Har-Bur Middle School and the Middle School of Plainville through partnerships with the local Boards of Education, towns and the United Way of West Central Connecticut.

## Who Is KIM?

All middle school students are Kids in the Middle, and KIM is open to all youth in the four schools. KIM provides opportunities that appeal to students who may not be currently connected and gets them involved in meaningful programs and activities.

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*An initiative of*



*Along with support from  
our community partners:*

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# 2006 - 2007 COMMUNITY REPORT CARD

STUDENT'S NAME: KIM (KIDS IN THE MIDDLE)

Location of KIM Program	Middle School Population	KIM Population	Percentage KIM
Chippens Hill Middle School, Bristol	916	100	10.9
Middle School of Plainville, Plainville	675	94	13.9
Harry S. Fisher Middle School, Plymouth	501	39	7.8
Har-Bur Middle School, Burlington/Harwinton	674	76	11.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>11.2</b>

**Comments**

*Region 10 KIM student entering high school:* "I liked participating in KIM--I really liked helping others; it made me feel good. I was able to meet new people--kids I would see every day in the hall or in the cafeteria but would never have a chance to meet them. I made new friends and it was fun to do things together, the projects, activities... I would definitely recommend other students to join... It is fun."

*Plainville parent of KIM 6th grade student:* "Kids in the Middle has been a great motivator for my son - the highlight of his year. His school absences have decreased by over 50% from last year, and I give lots of credit to the Middle School of Plainville After School Program and KIM for this great incentive!"

*Tanya Duffy, Asst. Director for Cook Willow Convalescent Home, Plymouth:* "The residents appreciate all that adult volunteers do, but it is more heartening for them when it comes from the younger generation." (February 8, 2007) *Bristol Press* article when Plymouth KIM students made Valentine's for every resident.

*Susan Moreau, Deputy Superintendent, Bristol Board of Education:* "As a former middle school teacher, I remember how difficult it was for my students to make positive connections in the community. KIM brings the community to our students through planned volunteer activities within and outside of their school - no driver's license required! Thanks to United Way for understanding the importance of connecting our middle school students to positive activities."

## Integrated Curriculum

Works Cooperatively with the Following Organizations:

American Cancer Society	Harwinton Land Conservation	Plymouth Health & Safety Fair
Bristol Adult Resource Center	Imagine Nation Museum	Plymouth Housing Authority
Bristol Parks & Recreation	Kiwanis Club of Bristol	Plymouth/Terryville Clean-Up Day
Bristol Pumpkin Festival	Little League Special Needs Fun Day	Postal Carriers' Food Drive
Bristol Sports Hall of Fame - Induction Ceremony	O'Connell Extended Learning Program	Relay-For-Life
Burlington Historical Society	Oak Hill School	Salvation Army Holiday Bell Ringing
Burlington Parks & Recreation	Partners in Literacy Program	Terryville Lion's Club
CT Clearinghouse, Wheeler Clinic	Plainville Community Food Pantry	Unified Sports
Cook Willow Convalescent Home	Plainville Health Care Center	United Way Adopt-A-Child Back to School Program
Edgewood School's 50th Anniversary	Plainville Public Library	United Way Day of Caring
Evergreen Senior Housing	Plainville Tree Lighting Ceremony	United Way of Northwest CT
General Electric	Plymouth Community Food Pantry	Wheeler Regional YMCA

## KIM Community Service Hours

Bristol	Plainville	Plymouth	Region #10	TOTAL
798	690	365	174	2,027

