The purpose of this study is to examine prevention of youth problem behaviours, to research these behaviours and the relationships with social determinants, and to look at the effects of a community-based prevention strategy. Research questions addressed in this study come from activities that have been carried out during the last ten years in different socio-cultural contexts, especially in the Netherlands. Communities That Care (a community-wide prevention strategy for neighbourhoods and cities) played a central role in these activities. It is theoretically introduced and its scientific and practical consequences are discussed.

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