

ALBANY COUNTY
YOUTH BUREAU

Directory of Programs



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Albany County Executive

**ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

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ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

112 State Street, Room 300
Albany, NY 12207
Main Number: (518) 447-5500

Moira Manning, Commissioner

Nicole Ward, Deputy Commissioner

The Department for Children, Youth and Families was created in 2001 from a vision of a seamless, integrated and coordinated approach to serving the families and children of Albany County. Within the department, there are four principal program areas: Children's Services, Children with Special Needs, Children's Mental Health and the Youth Bureau. There is also a host of supportive programs that complement our service delivery system.

The Department is committed to excellence, professionalism, integrity and is uniquely structured to deliver an integrated, diverse, holistic set of services, in collaboration with families and communities to empower families to create a safe, nurturing environment in which children can grow, thrive and reach their full potential.

The Department for Children, Youth and Families contracts with numerous independent providers and agencies throughout the community in our efforts to provide quality, effective and sustainable services to the families we serve. The department is aware of the importance of collaboration with community organizations and continues to engage the community in our efforts to improve services for children and families in Albany County.

A system of Care is a network of community services and supports for children and youth with emotional, behavioral and developmental concerns. Families, youth and providers become partners so each child can function better at home, in school and in the community.

Our core values in the system of care are to be **family driven, youth guided, community based, strength based and culturally and linguistically competent.**

ALBANY COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

112 State Street, Room 300
Albany, NY 12207

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The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYSOCFS) designates the Albany County Department for Children Youth and Families - Youth Bureau as its agent for distribution of two financial resources.

[Youth Development Program \(YDP\)](#)

[Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Funding \(RHYA\)](#)

The Albany County Youth Bureau discharges its responsibilities for administering these two financial resources through annual application and contract processes with not-for-profit agencies and county municipalities.

Parameters for the two sets of resources are set by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Priorities are determined by the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families - Youth Bureau and the Albany County Youth Bureau Board. Albany County seeks proposals from not-for-profit organizations and municipalities that meet the requirements of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and Albany County. Please find enclosed the 2019 agencies and programs the Youth Bureau is in contract with. The Albany County Youth Bureau is a member of the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus and the Capital District Youth Bureau Association.

YOUTH BUREAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (YDP)

ALBANY POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Albany PAL Youth Development Programs

844 Madison Avenue
Albany, NY 12208
(518) 435-0392
www.albanypal.org

Mr. Leonard Ricchiuti, Executive Director

PAL offers year round programming including after-school and summer camp programs for youth ranging in age from 5-21 years old. Our primary location at 844 Madison Ave, Albany, NY serves as our base of operations and is open from 8:00am until 6:00pm. PAL programs focus on sports/fitness and recreation, health and life-skills, education, career, character, and leadership programs.



ALBANY YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM INC.

Albany Youth Basketball

PO Box 8683
Albany, NY 12208
(518)229-7489

Mr. Jim Googas, President
Mr. Uluss (Gus) Thompson, Director

Youth ages 5-14 years residing in the City of Albany are served in a basketball program that provides structured support for integration of home, school and community. The code of conduct and academic standards of the school system are supported. Physical and psychological safety is supported through peer group interactions fostering team work, communication and problem solving to lessen confrontational methods. Relationship building and guidance support nurtures secure attachments enabling each participant opportunities for meaningful inclusion in a diverse community valuing high moral standards. The efficiency of learned skills is given practical expression enabling participants to meet meaningful challenges that focus on constant improvement.

Alternatives for Youth Dance Program

PO Box 6265
Albany, NY 12206
(518)210-7854
www.albanydance.org

Ms. Tsehaya Smith, CEO

The Alternatives for Youth Dance Program combines crime prevention activities and academic tutoring strategies with the performing arts. A multi-cultural pre-professional dance training program that utilizes the performing arts as a weapon for social change. Focusing on free dance instruction for low income youth and families, affordable community performances and civic/community engagement. This program seeks to deter juvenile at-risk behaviors during weekend and after-school hours. Providing unduplicated arts services to no less than 300+ Capital District youth and families annually since 2005. Unique cultural enrichment through our Arts-Partner the Ajkun International Ballet Theatre.

BIG BROTHER BIG SISTERS OF THE CAPITAL REGION

BBBS Mentoring

1698 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12205
(518)862-1250
www.bbbscr.org

Ms. Sabrina Houser, CEO

Through professionally supported mentoring relationships, we will enroll, match and support 75 Albany County youth ages 6-14, from low income, single-parent homes or have an incarcerated parent. Staff interviews children and families at home and recruits, interviews and screens mentors. Matches meet in the community or at site-based programs.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ALBANY

Camp Thatcher at Lawson Lake

21 Delaware Avenue
Albany, NY 12210
(518)462-5528
www.bgcalbany.com

Mr. Justin Reuter, Executive Director
Mr. Tommy Breymeier, Dir. of Marketing and Development

Camp Thatcher at Lawson's Lake offers an interactive and enriching day camp experience for inner-city youth during the summer. Our full-day camp operates for 8 weeks and includes free transportation to all youth attending. Our summer program gets inner city youth and exposes them to a variety of high yield learning activities to ensure no education concepts are lost during the summer months. Our curriculum includes opportunities such as: hiking, arts & crafts, education, wildlife and environmental exploration, sports program instruction, performing arts.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRI-COUNTY

Services Camp Scully

50 Herrick Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144
(518)512-3577
www.ccrda.org | <http://campscully.squarespace.com/>

Ms. Jenn Hyde, Executive Director
Ms. Michelle Abel, Associate Executive Director

Camp Scully exists to provide intensive socialization and recreation experiences to children ages 5-16 from all families but especially marginal income families for at least one week in a safe, supervised group setting. Emphasis is placed on assisting children improve feelings of self-worth, learn socially acceptable means of resolving conflicts and experience a broad range of educational and recreational activities. Camp provides youth with the opportunity to make friends, live together as a small group, exercise and enjoy the outdoors and nature by hiking, playing sports, swimming, kayaking and canoeing. Camp Scully will offer scholarships to eligible children.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRI-COUNTY SERVICES

Hilltowns Community Resource Center

50 Herrick Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144
(518)512-3577
www.ccrda.org

Ms. Jenn Hyde, Executive Director
Ms. Sally Zgolinski, Director of Community Service

The Hilltowns Community Resource Center is located on Route 143 in the heart of Westerlo. This is one of few resource centers in the economically depressed area in hilltowns of Albany County including the towns of Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville. The resource center focuses on helping the local community with their basic needs such as food, heat and shelter. As this is such a small knit community youth volunteering at our center get the experience of not only helping their community at large but often of directly helping people they know.



GIRLS INC. OF THE GREATER CAPITAL REGION

Today's Girls, Tomorrow's Achievers

962 Albany Street
Schenectady, NY 12307
(518)374-9800
www.girlsinccapitalregion.org

Ms. Ashley Jeffrey Bouck, Executive Director
Ms. Kerry Gribbon, Grant Development and Partnership Manager

Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be strong, smart and bold. We provide free afterschool programs to girls in grades K-12. Three critical goals drive our programming: to help girls achieve healthy lives, succeed academically, and acquire the life skills needed to prepare them for adulthood. We provide educational and compensatory programs in six areas: Leadership & Community Action, Career & Life Planning, Sports & Adventure, Self-Reliance & Life Skills, Culture & Heritage, and Health & Sexuality.

MEDIATION MATTERS

Mediation

10 North Russell Road
Albany, NY 12206
(518)446-0356
www.mediationmatters.org

Ms. Sarah Rudgers-Tsyz, Executive Director
Mr. Kashiff Thompson, Youth Services Program Manager

Mediation Matters provides mediation services to parents and teens when the parents have referred the matter to Probation for a PINS/pre-PINS action. Through these sessions, parents and teens find ways to improve communication and avoid the need for continued Probation or Family Court intervention. This service could be expanded to allow mediation for school referrals to Probation involving matters of attendance or behavioral issues that arise. Sessions referred from the school could involve all or some of the parents/guardians, youth, and school personnel.

STARS INTERGEN CORP.

STARS Helpers

PO Box 785
Coeymans, NY 12045
(518)756-7389
www.starsintergen.org

Ms. Linda Bruno, Executive Director

STARS Helpers, an intergenerational mentoring program that links Ravena Coeymans Selkirk(RCS) SD middle and high school students both skilled and disabled, with senior residents at Van Allen Apts., Glenmont, twice a month. Senior volunteers assist students with homework, cooking/making snacks, crafts, service projects and attend field trips together. The RCS SD buses students to and from the site.



THE ADDICTIONS CARE CENTER OF ALBANY, INC.

Family Treatment Court Parent Education

90 McCarty Avenue
Albany, NY 12202
(518)465-5829
www.theacca.net

Mr. Keith Stack, Executive Director
Ms. Jennifer Vitkus, Program Director

The Strong Families program is implemented to help parents develop and recognize danger signs that may indicate their child is at risk of alcohol and substance abuse. The program provides interactive lessons, brainstorming sessions, current alcohol and substance abuse information, parenting tips and group discussions to help the individual build a stronger family relationship.

TRINITY ALLIANCE OF THE CAPITAL REGION, INC.

Trinity & Arbor Hill C.A.R.E.

15 Trinity Place
Albany, NY 12202
(518)449-5155
www.trinityalliancealbany.org

Mr. Harris Oberlander, CEO

CARE is a "safe haven" for children. It serves up to 50 youth on a daily basis and provides academic supports, computers, music, sports, and field trips to youth, ages 5 to 17, after school and all-day summer. 25 teens drop in during evening hrs. CARE decreases summer "learning loss." Children referred by County of Albany CYF are mainstreamed into the CARE program.

Trinity Alliance Jail Transition

15 Trinity Place
Albany, NY 12202
(518)449-5155
www.trinityalliancealbany.org

Mr. Harris Oberlander, CEO

Jail Transition is a recidivism prevention program for youthful offenders incarcerated within Albany County Correctional Facility. Inmate services include group sessions, individual counseling, advocacy, and post-release planning. Inmate risk characteristics for recidivism include lack of education and substance abuse. Intensive one year post release re-entry supports are provided.

Trinity Alliance Target Anger Management

15 Trinity Place
Albany, NY 12210
(518)449-5155
www.trinityalliancealbany.org

Mr. Harris Oberlander, CEO

Target provides early intervention for youth, 10 to 18, who have had contact with the juvenile justice system and engaged in high risk behavior. Requires twice weekly after school group attendance for 3-6 months, individual counseling, family participation, and one year follow up with school and home.

TWO TOGETHER, INC

Two Together After School Tutorial & Enrichment

PO Box 1397
Albany, NY 12201
(518)434-9055
www.twotogether.org

Ms. Jema Clements, Executive Director
Ms. Mary Bitel, President

Two Together is an after school literacy program that has been operating in a high need community in Albany, New York since February 1997. Its purpose is to strengthen children's social, cultural and intellectual growth in an environment that fosters a lifelong love and enthusiasm for learning.



WATERVLIET CIVIC CENTER

Homework Help Program

14th Street & 1st Avenue
Watervliet, NY 12189
(518)273-5922
www.watervlietciviccenter.com

Mr. William Sheehy, Executive Director

To offer a homework program and academic intervention and improvement program for youth ages 7-18. The program will be conducted by a NYS certified teacher(s) or teaching assistant(s). The program will target youth who are not completing their homework assignments accurately, are truant from school and are not meeting the required academic standards set by the New York State Education Department. The Watervliet Civic Center will work closely with the Watervliet City School District to offer this program to all students requesting assistance. The teacher will be experienced and qualified to lead and instruct the students in all subject materials.



Youth Recreation Program

14th Street & 1st Avenue
Watervliet, NY 12189
(518)273-5922
www.watervlietciviccenter.com

Mr. William Sheehy, Executive Director

Watervliet Civic Chest, Inc. (Civic Center) offers a variety of wholesome, constructive and supervised programs and services to the youth of Watervliet on a year-round basis. Programs are offered to the youth during their leisure time and non-school hours. Programs and services are offered in recreation, social, education, youth development, summer recreation program, truancy prevention and child care. Programs assist the youth to develop and improve their physical, social and emotional well-being.



Nutrition Advancement and Physical Development Program

14th Street & 1st Avenue
Watervliet, NY 12189
(518)273-5922
www.watervlietciviccenter.com

Mr. William Sheehy, Executive Director

- 1) To offer a Nutrition Advancement and Physical Development program for youth ages 5-18. The program will feature three components; Nutrition: which will focus on eating healthy, reducing the risk factors related to obesity and how to make healthy snacks and meals.
- 2) Physical development: which will focus on regular physical exercise and improving the child's physical appearance and overall well-being.
- 3) Supplemental food program: which will provide nutritious and child friendly packaged food to children during the weekends when no other food programs are available to hungry children. This is formatted for economically disadvantaged and chronically hungry children, supporting the health and physical well-being of children who are at risk.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED TRANSITION SERVICES

Transition Coaching

706 Madison Avenue
Albany, NY 12208
(518)207-0209
matransitionservices.org

Ms. Carmen Duncan, CEO/Founder

Transition coaching is a one-on-one goal achievement process that assists Millennials with developing and achieving career and education goals. We assist youth with strengthening their ability to create, manage and achieve their goals as they transition into the business, collegiate and adult worlds as emerging young professional leaders. The youth will learn new skills

and enhance existing ones to take back into the real world to use effectively and efficiently. The program will be made available to youth within the County of Albany. The program will also work with youth who are in foster care, juvenile justice system, are homeless and mental health systems.



SIENA COLLEGE

Siena College Summer Enrichment Mentoring Program

515 Loudon Road
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518)782-6144
www.siena.edu

Fr. Sean O'Brien, Director of Mentoring Program

The Mentoring program at Siena has a long legacy that goes back over fifty years. It was originally established to help foster relationships between Siena students and urban youth who may be in need of role models. The program is directed towards youth who come from the Arbor Hill and South End neighborhoods of the city. Each week during the academic school year the students and the youth come together to share a meal at Siena and then embark upon a variety of fun filled activities like bowling, apple picking, roller skating, the movies and so much more. These activities help strengthen the bond of friendship and serve as the basis for life long relationships that have a profound impact upon all who are involved. Many Siena students comment that their experiences with the Mentoring program and their "Littles" were some of their most cherished memories of their college days.

SOUTH END CHILDREN'S CAFÉ

25 Warren Street
Albany, NY 12202
(518)275-8890
www.southendchildrenscafe.org

Ms. Tracie Killar, Director

The South End Children's Café serves children between the ages of 3 and 18 who reside in the City of Albany with the majority of the children residing in the South End neighborhood. The children come afterschool and receive homework help, exercise including dance, sports and yoga, arts, field trips, cooking and nutrition education, mentoring and tutoring in a supportive and positive environment with a 2:1 child adult ratio. A healthy snack and healthy dinner is served Monday- Friday. Opportunities for youth to volunteer at the Café, join a club including chess club, healthy food advocacy club and citizenship club are also available. Field trips to local farms and gardens demonstrate food to table concept and field trips to colleges and businesses encourage goal setting.



NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND AT ALBANY (NABA)

NABA Youth Services

301 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12209
(518)463-1211
www.naba-vision.org

Mr. Christopher Burke, Executive Director
Senia Fleming, Coordinator of Youth Services

The NABA Youth Program provides no-cost recreational and rehabilitation programs to visually impaired and blind youth, ages 8-18, residing in a 14-county service

area in New York's Capital

Region. A strong emphasis is placed on providing instruction in vision rehabilitation. One Saturday per month, during school breaks and for two weeks each summer, the program offers a variety of safe and fun activities promoting the arts, fitness & athletics, and community service. Students get a chance to practice and improve daily living skills, orientation and mobility techniques, and confidence advocating for themselves. Naturally, they gain stronger social skills and form lasting friendships. Family events are also organized throughout the year to facilitate family connections.

PARK PLAYHOUSE

2018 Summer Education Program

Palace Theater
19 Clinton Ave
Albany, NY 12207
(518)434-2035
www.parkplayhouse.com

Mr. Owen Smith, Producing Artistic Director

The Park Playhouse II and Park Playhouse Kids programs are offered to students from a wide range of backgrounds between the ages of 8-18, and help build performing arts skills in area youth. 80 students will participate in hands-on workshops, which build practical life skills including public speaking, collaboration and self-expression. The programs culminate in full-scale musical productions, which will be enjoyed by an audience of over 25,000 at the Washington Park Amphitheatre and Cohoes Music Hall. The vast majority of audiences will attend free-of-charge, making the performing arts widely accessible to EVERYONE in Albany County and the surrounding area.

Therapeutic Recreation

60 Academy Road
Albany, NY 12208
(518)579-3527
www.parsonscenter.org

Mr. William Gettman, CEO
Mr. Steven Axelrod, Business Development Manager

We provide year round and seasonal therapeutic recreation programs to ensure normative experiences for the children and families we serve. Residential youth choose programs based on their interests and clinical needs. We offer youth the opportunity to develop social, cognitive, affective and physical skills by providing opportunities to participate in sports, art, music, dance, photography, theatre, special interest clubs, summer recreational and prevocational programs, outdoor and experiential education. Programs are scheduled between 3:30pm-5:30pm and 6:30pm-8:30pm weekdays, and on weekends and holidays. We seek to develop skills and provide programming for youth based on their interest, not on their disability.





MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS

ALBANY COUNTY

Global Youth Service Day

112 State Street, Room 300
Albany, NY 12207
(518)447-4892
www.albanycounty.com

TBD, Executive Director

This coordinated event between the local and municipal Youth Bureaus inviting youth of all ages throughout the county to participate in a day of community service addressing a variety of social issues.

ALBANY COUNTY (Continued)

Youth Recognition Program

112 State Street, Room 300
Albany, NY 12207
(518)447-4892
www.albanycounty.com

TBD, Executive Director

Annual Youth Bureau sponsored and coordinated event recognizing 5 middle school and 5 high school youth nominated by school faculty (coaches, drama & art teachers, social workers, principals, clinicians) faith-based community members, foster care provider agency staff, parents, elected officials. These youth are typically not recognized and are often marginalized. Five award categories - most improved student, community service, athletic achievement, artistic expression, outstanding youth. Youth Bureau engages members from the community at large and representation from the County Executive's office to serve as the Selection Committee.



Fostering Positive Youth Development

112 State Street, Room 300
Albany, NY 12207
(518)447-4892
www.albanycounty.com

TBD, Executive Director

Fostering Positive Youth Development is a series of workshops delivered throughout the year in partnership with University at Albany Professional Development Program, NYS Higher Education Services Corporation, Albany County DCYF Youth Bureau and foster care provider agencies under contract with Albany County DCYF. The overarching goal is the promotion of independence and self-sufficiency for older youth in care and those transitioning to young adulthood. A variety of curricula, guest speakers and experiential activities will be offered.

CITY OF ALBANY YOUTH & WORKFORCE SERVICES

City of Albany My Brother's and Sister's Keepers (MBSK) Mentoring Program

175 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 434-5207
www.albanyny.gov

Mr. Jonathan Jones, Commissioner
Mr. Raphael Tucker, Deputy Commissioner

In 2014, President Obama introduced the My Brother's Keeper Challenge which charged communities to develop and action plan centered on 6 milestones. In 2015, Mayor Kathy Sheehan accepted this challenge for the City of Albany to include young girls. Albany's MBSK mission is designed to address youth low income academic gains, social issues and workforce readiness, the MBSK Mentoring Program will serve as a collaborative clearing house for the City of Albany's youth. Formed to service both in and out of school youth residing in Arbor Hill, West Hill, South End and North Albany areas, this program will engage young people by creating an academic and skills based learning pathway.



City of Albany Youth Opportunity/LIGHT (Summer Youth Employment Program)

175 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 434-5207
www.albanyny.gov

Mr. Jonathan Jones, Commissioner
Mr. Raphael Tucker, Deputy Commissioner

This program will address youth lack of soft transferable skills that lead to low workforce readiness, employment retention, job performance, social issues capability, high youth violence and academic completion. The Youth Opportunity/LIGHT (SYEP) program will serve both in and out of school youth residing in Arbor Hill, West Hill, South End and North Albany areas. This program will provide young people both technical and life skills to prepare them for future success, no matter what career path they pursue.

Career Connections

97 Mohawk Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518)233-2116
www.cohoes.com

Hon. Shawn Morse, Mayor
Mr. Daniel Hytko, Human Service & Youth Bureau Director

The Career Connections Program mission is to increase awareness of various career opportunities, connect youth with professionals, increase job skills and connect youth with the appropriate educational path for their desired career. The program includes interactive presentations from professionals highlighting an array of careers that require varying levels of education. Job shadowing, internship opportunities, interviewing skills /job search/ resume writing workshops and a community wide college and career night are also included in the program.



Mentors in Motion

97 Mohawk Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518)233-2116
www.cohoes.com

Hon. William Keeler, Mayor
Mr. Daniel Hytko, Human Service & Youth Bureau Director

Mentors in Motion is a program serving youth ages 8-12 that connects youth with adult athletes to train together for a Cohoes based running event. There are two sessions, a spring session and a fall session. The adult athletes not only train and mentor the youth participants. The youth participants will learn positive emotional development, the importance of physical activity, belief in oneself, building positive relationships, overcoming obstacles and persevering to complete a desired task. This program will help promote healthy lifestyles for the youth participating.

Youth Bureau ADMIN

97 Mohawk Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518)233-2116
www.cohoes.com

Hon. William Keeler, Mayor
Mr. Daniel Hytko, Human Service & Youth Bureau Director



The City of Cohoes Youth Bureau's mission is to improve the lives of Cohoes youth and the overall community by empowering youth, offering opportunities and creating good citizens. The City of Cohoes Youth Bureau's collective goals are to create positive social interactions through community events; build partnerships with families and youth throughout the Cohoes community; offer character, citizenship and Career Connection education and support; implement a Youth Advisory Board, which brings youth and adults together in a solution-based approach to tackling current youth issues; and promote delinquency prevention through positive youth development.

Summer Recreation Programming

97 Mohawk Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518)233-2116
www.cohoes.com

Hon. William Keeler, Mayor
Mr. Daniel Hytko, Human Service & Youth Bureau Director

The City of Cohoes Summer Recreation Programming serves youth ages 0-21 and includes the Learn to Swim program, swimming at Lansing Pool, the Summer Sports Academy and Summer Parks Program. The Swim program offers instructional swim and recreational swim for a total of nine weeks. The Sports Academy program provides youth sports development, fitness education and peer coaching. The Parks program includes a curriculum that offers Cohoes youth the opportunity to experience literacy, science and the arts education, while connecting with peers and enhancing social skills.

CITY OF WATERVLIIET

Recreation

2-15th Street
Watervliet, NY 12189
(518)337-9115
watervliet.com

Hon. Michael P. Manning, Mayor
Mr. Robert Loya, Recreation Supervisor

City of Watervliets' goal is to create programs that can be socially, mentally and physically enhancing in bringing the community together. Each program uses the efforts of the entire community in order to bring new knowledge and new experience to those involved in the activities. Participants will learn from the program instructors as well as interact with other members of the community.



CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ALBANY COUNTY

Cornell 4-H Summer Scene

24 Martin Road
Voorheesville, NY 12186
(518)765-3500
www.ccealbany.com

Ms. Lisa Godlewski, Executive Director
Ms. Barbara Stevens, 4-H Issue Leader

In its 44th year, 4-H Summer Scene is a day camp that operates at Ridgefield Park in the city of Albany. The target audiences include children ages 6-12 and adolescents ages 13-18. Two themes for 2017 will be "Making a Difference" and "Healthy Living." Participants will learn how to become environmental stewards to create healthy, sustainable communities through energy conservation and environmental education, as well as the importance of eating healthy foods and maintaining an active lifestyle. Additional activities will include creative arts and character education.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Play Factory

261 Elm Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054
(518)439-4955
townofbethlehem.org

Hon. David VanLuven, Supervisor
Mr. Jason Gallo, Administrator

The Play Factory program meets at local elementary schools Mon-Fri from June through August. Some sites meet in the morning, 9-11:30AM and some in the afternoon, 12:30-3:30PM. It is a drop in program and is free of charge. Many activities are offered daily (games, arts and crafts, story hours, and special events). Skills such as sportsmanship, cooperation, sharing, and creativity are learned.



The Pit

261 Elm Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054
(518)439-4955
townofbethlehem.org

Hon. David VanLuven, Supervisor
Mr. Jason Gallo, Administrator

The Pit program meets Tues-Thurs from early Oct. through mid-May from 2:45-4pm at the Bethlehem Middle School. It features a game room with pool tables, ping pong tables, etc., snack bar, and a lounge area with music and comfortable seating. Other activities include arts & crafts and games. Excellent choice for students with no parents at home or who don't have other extracurricular activities.

Youth Employment Service

261 Elm Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054
(518)439-4955
townofbethlehem.org

Hon. David VanLuven, Supervisor
Mr. Jason Gallo, Administrator

YES is a free job matching service for teens. Youth complete an application form outlining their background, potential job skills, and interests. The YES Director seeks to match these youth with employers who have also registered with the Service. Employers include senior citizens looking for leaf rakers, mothers seeking babysitters, as well as restaurants, and retail shops seeking workers.

TOWN OF COEYMANS

Food for Thought & Summer Recreation

18 Russell Avenue
Ravena, NY 12143
(518)756-6006
www.coeymans.org

Hon. Philip Crandall, Supervisor
Ms. Nita Chmielewski, Clerk to the Supervisor

The summer recreation program is a 5 week drop in program. The staff are on hand with sports equipment and ideas for activities. The program operates at a local park. The program was created for participants 11 years of age and older.

TOWN OF COLONIE

Park Playground

Memorial Town Hall - 534 Loudon Rd
Newtonville, NY 12128
(518)456-2136
www.colonie.org

Hon. Paula Mahan, Supervisor
Ms. Laura Archambault, Youth Services Specialist

The Park Playground Program is a six week camp program scheduled to operate Monday-Friday, June 26-August 4, 2017. Camp will be closed on July 4, 2017. The hours of operation are 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM daily. Locations the Town is requesting for 2017 include: Boght Elementary School, Loudonville Elementary School, Shaker Jr. High School on the North side of town, and Lisha Kill Middle

School, Rossville Elementary School, and Saddlewood Elementary School on the South side. The program is free of charge to Town of Colonie residents, offering structured age appropriate activities for all participants.

Youth Advisory Board

Memorial Town Hall - 534 Loudon Rd
Newtonville, NY 12128
(518)456-2136
www.colonie.org

Hon. Paula Mahan, Supervisor
Ms. Laura Archambault, Youth Services Specialist

The Town of Colonie, in collaboration with the North and South Colonie School Districts and Christian Brothers Academy, has maintained a Youth Advisory Board at the high school level for many years. Thirty-three students are selected by their school administrators. There are five schools participating at the Junior/Middle School level with twenty students serving on the Board, as well as faculty, and community members. The Board's activities serve to promote civic responsibility among the participating students by involving them in selecting, planning, and implementing projects. The students volunteer at many Town wide-events. It is our anticipation that this opportunity now offered to students at Jr. High/Middle schools will enhance an understanding of their community.

Youth Services- ADMIN

Memorial Town Hall - 534 Loudon Rd
Newtonville, NY 12128
(518)456-2136
www.colonie.org

Hon. Paula Mahan, Supervisor
Ms. Laura Archambault, Youth Services Specialist

The Town of Colonie Youth Services Division, in collaboration with Town residents and the North and South Colonie School Districts, has developed a close working relationship in order to provide its citizens with safe, fun, and structured programming that serves to promote positive social, civic, and educational interaction among youth, their peers, and adults.

TOWN OF GUILDERLAND

Tawasentha Day Camp & Learn to Swim Program

181 Route 146
Altamont, NY 12009
(518)456-3150
www.townofguilderland.org

Hon. Peter Barber, Supervisor
Ms. Linda Cure, Public Relations Officer

The Tawasentha Park Day Camp Program is a six week half day camp program that runs from the end of June through the first week of August each year. The camp runs from 8:00- 12:00 each day for approximately 600 campers. The Town provides busing for all day camper participants, including a bus and bus aide for the campers with disabilities. The camp offers a variety of sports, enrichment and learning opportunities. Campers have the option to participate in Red Cross learn to swim classes during camp. The Learn to Swim Program is in addition to the Day Camp program. The Learn to Swim program serves approximately 300 youth in the town for a nominal fee. The program runs from the end of June until mid-August and is also offered to the day campers at no additional charge.



TOWN OF KNOX

Town of Knox Youth Program

PO Box 56
Knox, NY 12197
(516)391-1675
www.knoxny.org

Hon. Vasilios Lefkaditis, Supervisor

The Town of Knox actively provides recreational and social activities for community members and more specifically youth. The programs include but are not limited to: a winter carnival, Easter egg hunt, soccer program, archery a summer camp out/field day, a fall fair and other various events that take place in the Town of Knox.

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT

Bozenkill Summer Camp Program

115 Main Street
Altamont, NY 12009
(518)861-8554
www.altamontvillage.org

Hon. Kerry Dineen, Mayor
Ms. Kelly Best, Administrative Assistant

The Village of Altamont would like to offer Scholarships to children of economically challenged and low income families to the Bozenkill Summer Camp Program. The program is offered weekly from the end of June to mid-August. The program accepts children from the ages of 6 to 12. The program offers organized games, arts and craft, swimming and group projects. The Summer Camp staff also hosts two Family Fun nights open to the entire village and community offering organized games, Zumba and other participatory activities. Huge Challenge Bounce Houses are rented and obstacle courses are created.

VILLAGE OF COLONIE

Youth & Recreation Program

2 Thunder Road
Albany, NY 12205
(518)869-7562
www.colonievillage.org

Hon. Frank Leak, Mayor
Ms. Jamie Blot, Clerk/Treasurer

The majority of youth who participate are between the ages of 12 to 20 years. The youth are generally a wide mix with regards to ethnicity. They come from working parent homes, where there is a lack of supervision when school is out. Most of the children show up as soon as school hours let out, and stay until the facility closes. This program helps keep children away from drug/gang activity and gives children a clean, safe environment to play, participate and express themselves.



VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND

Recreation & Youth Services

200 Paine Street
Green Island, NY 12183
(518)273-2201
www.villageofgreenisland.com

Hon. Ellen McNulty-Ryan, Mayor
Ms. Maggie Alix, Director of Parks & Recreation

Our recreational programs promotes education, creativity and character development. Our goal is to provide a summer program that encourages healthy behavior through active play. We want for our youth to challenge themselves and their peer; in a controlled environment. Our programs are focused on developing leadership and life skills.



VILLAGE OF RAVENA

Summer Recreation Program

15 Mountain Road
Ravena, NY 12143
(518)756-8233
www.villageofravena.com

Hon. William Misuraca, Jr., Mayor
Ms. Susan King, Clerk/Treasurer

The recreation program offers a variety of structured and unstructured activities for youth to participate in for constructive use of leisure time.



VILLAGE OF VOORHEESVILLE



Village of Voorheesville Summer Recreation Program

29 Voorheesville Avenue
Voorheesville, NY 12186
(518)765-2692
www.villageofvoorheesville.com

Hon. Robert Conway, Mayor
Ms. Linda Pasquali, Clerk/Treasurer

The Village offers a soccer program and an Arts and Crafts program that also incorporates the opportunity for the children to play basketball or tennis for children in grades K - 6. Enrollment fees allow each child to participate in both programs. Our programs are staffed by adult coordinators with teen recreational aides, ages 14 -17.



RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH (RHYA) PROGRAMS

ST. ANNE'S

Emergency Youth Shelter

160 N. Main Ave
Albany, NY 12206
(518)435-9931
stanneinstitute.org

Mr. Anthony Cortese, CEO
Ms. Ashley Hildaire, Manager

Hubbard Hall is Albany County's ONLY Emergency Youth Shelter. It provides safe housing in a clean, secure, newly rehabbed building, short-term crisis intervention services, family mediation counseling, food, clothing, tutoring, and case management services. The program goal is to reunify each youth w/ their families, or when that is not a safe option, find an alternate, long-term housing option.



Equinox Transitional Living Program

500 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518)435-9931
www.Equinoxinc.org

Ms. Virginia Golden, CEO
Mr. Zach Kaplan, Grants Manager

Equinox's Transitional Living Program is a NYS certified program for runaway and homeless youth aged 16-21 years in Albany County. The program accommodates youth of all genders, as well as pregnant and parenting youth. The program uses a Positive Youth Development approach to provide participants with healthy, safe, and thriving environments. In addition to safe, secure apartments or dormitory-style living, the program meets critical needs, and helps participants attain goals and gain skills through comprehensive case management and life skills training. The program guides participants through the practice of life skills and the development of support networks so that they may successfully transition to independent living in the community.

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Albany, NY 12207



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Albany County Executive



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