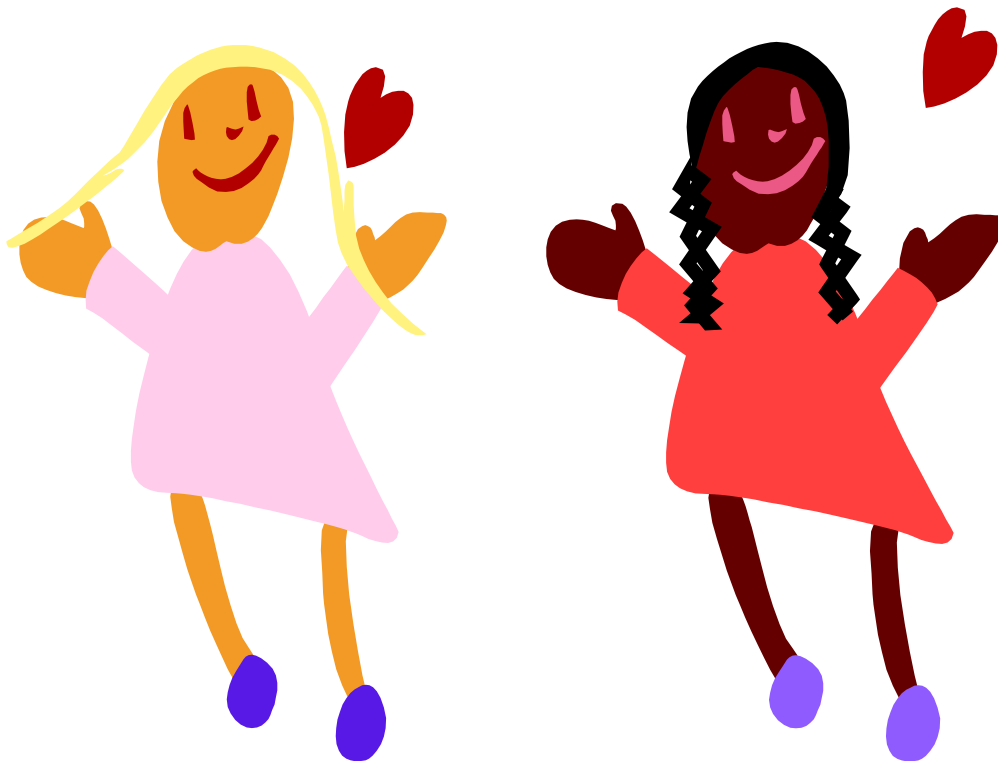


**Albany County
Department for Children, Youth and
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Youth Bureau

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Youth Development Projects



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Youth Development/Delinquency Prevention –
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Albany Youth Basketball Program, Inc. Instructional Basketball	James Googas	Gary Horne	Post Office Box 8683 Albany, New York 12208 (518) 438-2093 (518) 233-7520
Arbor Hill Community Center	Harris Oberlander	Katherine Parson	47 North Lark Street Albany, New York 12210 (518) 463-1516 FAX (518) 463-2217
Arbor Day Program (Catholic Charities)	Tamae' Memole Director of Services	<i>Tina Marie Hughes</i>	340 First Street Albany, New York 12206 (518) 465-2218 <u>Administration:</u> 40 North Main Avenue Albany, New York 12203 (518) 453-6650 FAX (518) 465-5408
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region	Karen Brown	<i>Jenn Hyde</i>	1492 Central Avenue Albany, New York 12205 (518) 862-1250 FAX (518) 862-1256
Boys and Girls Club of Albany 1. Teenage Program 2. Teen Gang Violence Prevention Program	Dorthea Holmes	Keyon Young	21 Delaware Avenue Albany, New York 12210 (518) 462-5528 FAX (518) 462-5540
Caregivers Respite Program of Catholic Charities	Linda Bonesteel	Kathy Kavanaugh	100 Slingerland Street Albany, New York 12202 (518) 449-2001 FAX (518) 426-3662
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Center, Inc. - Water Safety Instruction			Cohoes, New York 12047 (518) 237-7523 FAX (518) 237-7524 (call)
Community Family Resource Center (Giffen Memorial Elementary School)	Maxine Fantroy-Ford (Principal)	John Harris	274 South Pearl Street Albany, NY 12202 (518) 462-7162 FAX (518) 462-7134
Colonie Youth Center	J. Brian Hogan	Nikki Caruso	272 Maxwell Road Latham, New York 12110 (518) 438-9596 FAX (518) 438-9598
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County After School Program	George Hecht	Mary Jane Rissacher	Post Office Box 497 24 Martin Road Voorheesville, New York 12186 (518) 765-3500 FAX (518) 765-2490
Digital Afternoons Program	Teri Bordenave, Pres. Jennifer Amstutz V. Pres	Tandra La Grove Program Dev	25 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203 (518) 436-9964 FAX (518) 356-5850 Administration: 374-9800
Families United Network (Parsons)	Ray Schimmer	Joan Valery	60 Academy Road Albany, NY 12208 (518) 426-2619 FAX (518) 447-5234 Administration: 426-2600
Girls Incorporated of the Capital District After School Program	Teri Bordenave, Pres. Jennifer Amstutz V. Pres	Tandra La Grove Program Dev	25 Western Avenue Albany, New York 12203 (518) 436-9964 FAX (518) 356-5850 Administration: 374-9800
Hilltown's Community Resource Center (Catholic Charities)	Sr. Maureen Joyce	Kathleen Speck	15 CRI Post Office Box 147 Westerlo, New York 12193 (518) 797-5256 <u>Administration:</u> 40 North Main Avenue Albany, New York 12203 (518) 453-6650 FAX (518) 453-6792
Hispanic Outreach Services (Catholic Charities - Diocese of Albany)	Sister Ann Traneli	Beatriz Aviles	<u>Administration:</u> 40 North Main Avenue Albany, New York 12203 (518) 453-6655 FAX (518) 453-6792 Site:130 Ontario Street Albany, New York 12206 (518) 463-1217 FAX (518) 463-1218
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Mediation Matters	Peter Glassman	Mary Jane Rose	10 Russell Road Albany, New York 12206 (518) 446-0356 FAX (518) 446-0379
Mentors and Moms (Cornell Cooperative Extension)	George Hecht	Mary Jane Rissacher	24 Martin Road Voorheesville, NY 12186 (518) 765-3500 FAX 765-2490
New Day Art	Sr. Maureen Joyce	Tracie Killar	Site: 74 Second Avenue Albany, New York 12202 (518) 465-3025 <u>Administration</u> 40 North Main Avenue Albany, New York 12203 (518) 453-6650 FAX (518) 453-6792
Trinity Institution, Inc. Homer Perkins Center	Harris Oberlander	Greg Foskey	15-17 Trinity Place Albany, New York 12202 (518) 449-5155 FAX (518) 427-7658
Two Together, Inc.	Laura Chodos Pres.	Katherine Verbeck Education Director	P.O. Box 1397 Albany, New York 12201 (518) 434-9055 FAX (518) 434-3572 Sites: 200 Green Street; Giffen Elementary School and John Howe Library
South End Community Partnership for Safe Families (Albany County DCYF)	Sheila Poole Commissioner	Melissa Bucher	112 State Street Room 300 Albany, NY 12207 (518) 447-7541
Stars Intergen Corporation	Karen Harmon	Karen Harmon	55 Brightonwood Road Glensmont, New York 12077 (518) 439-1505
Police Athletic League	Sgt. Leonard Ricchiuti	Jacqueline Smith	844 Madison Avenue Albany, New York (518) 435-0392
Watervliet Civic Center, Inc. Recreation Program	William Sheehy	William Sheehy	14 th Street and 1 st Avenue Watervliet, New York 12189 (518) 273-5922 FAX (518) 274-2487
Youth Enrichment Program	Temae' Memole Director of Services	Selina Dobbs	Site: 340 First Street Albany, New York 12206 (518) 465-5408 FAX (518) 465-2218 <u>Administration:</u>

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Youth Recognition Award Program	Michael B. Whalen	Moira O'Brien	Albany County Youth Bureau 112 State Street, Room 1205 Albany, New York 12207 (518) 447-7324 (518) 447-5686

Program Descriptions

Adolescent Employability Skills Plus Program, Inc. (AESPP)

Call for various times and locations. (518)465-6650

Project will attempt to remove obstacles to training and employment for youth incarcerated at the Albany County Correctional Facility through the use of Early Intervention and a 12 Step education and training module.

Albany Youth Basketball Program, Inc. - Instructional Basketball I

Call for various times and locations. (518) 438-2093

Program will provide a positive and structured environment for youth to engage in activities that promote learning, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Arbor Hill Community Center

Monday – Friday (463-1516)

Agency will administer an after school program that will serve the economically disadvantaged youth residing in primarily single parent families in the Arbor Hill and West Hill areas of Albany. The after school program will serve 40 youth ages 6 – 13 years with arts & crafts, cultural awareness groups, self-esteem groups, educational support services, gym activities, and weekly field trips.

Arbor Day Program (Catholic Charities)

Call for Hours. (518) 465-2218

Program targets at-risk, male and female adolescents who are placed at Samaritan Shelter Detention, who require community-based after care services particularly for youth whose cases are not referred by the Family Court Judges for 'out of home' residential placement. Agency also has a program component to address the needs of older adolescent females with a history of involvement in the criminal justice/juvenile justice system and provides services to help prevent incarceration and/or re-incarceration. Program components include intakes and assessments, ongoing case management services, outreach, home visits, information and referral services, assistance in meeting basic needs, and individual and or group support at program site.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region

862-1250

Agency serves primarily single parent youth, ages 6-14, from the County of Albany by providing them with adult role models. These role models can improve the youth's self esteem, school performance and outlook on life. Mentoring is a proven tool.

Boys and Girls Club of Albany

Teenage Program

Call for various times and locations. (518) 462-5528

To provide a safe haven for teens (13-18). During the hours of 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, the agency will offer recreation, cultural and social programs.

Teen Gang Violence Prevention Program

Call for various times and locations. (518) 462-5528

Youth identified as at-risk of youth gang involvement will be recruited and mainstreamed into programming that will deter and divert these youth from gang activity.

Caregivers Respite Program

449-2001

Grandchild support group was created to meet the behavioral, social and recreational needs of grandchildren being raised by grandparents who reside primarily in inner city communities. The program serves youth ranging in age from 5 to 16 years old. This program operates year round with support group meetings and social recreational activities occurring at least twice per month. The program provides children and families with the supports they need to thrive in their grandparents home and avoiding the need to enter into the foster care system.

Cohoes Community Center, Inc. - Water Safety Instruction

Call for hours. (518)237-7523

Agency will administer an after-school youth service program focusing on single parent, at risk youth and the general youth population. The program will provide a safe and positive social environment, emphasizing constructive use of leisure hours, commitment and responsibility. The center offers an all structured swim program.

Colonie Youth Center

Call for various times and locations. (518) 438-9596

Program will offer individual, family and group counseling in order to minimize the potential of a negative encounter with the law, the school system and the possibility of placement out of the home.

Community Family Resource Center

The Community Family Resource and Support Center is located in Giffen School. The Center supports, strengthens, and stabilizes families in order to help children succeed in school and to foster healthy development at home and in the community. This mission is accomplished through collaboration with parents, students, school personnel, community outreach services and other institutions.

Cornell Cooperative Extension – 4H

Agency will offer informal education and recreational 4H youth programming involving hands-on participation to increase subject matter, knowledge and school skills. Youth ages 7-12 will be provided during after-school hours of 2:30pm – 5:30 pm Monday – Friday. Program will be located at the Albany Boys and Girls Club, Arbor Hill Community Center, Frank Chapman and Trinity Institute.

Digital Divide Program

Agency will administer a structured after school program educating children in grades 5-8 in various technology applications. The program goals include attempting to address the lack of technology in an urban poor setting and heightening the awareness of the digital divide. Certificates of program completion and competency will be offered.

Families United Network (FUN)

Families United Network is a parent driven organization providing information, support and advocacy for Albany County families caring for children/youth with emotional and behavior disorders. The focus is on helping build competencies in parents so they are better able to cope with difficult behaviors and advocate for the services they feel they need.

Girls Incorporated of the Capital District - After School Program

Monday – Friday 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Structured, recreational program for 125 girls from low income and/or single-parent families, ages 6-14, offered on an after school basis. Program activities include: tutoring, social education, community-oriented activities, and physical fitness. Programming offered at 25 Western Avenue and Grace and Holy Innocents Church, 20 Robin Street, Albany, New York.

Hilltown's Community Resource Center- (Catholic Charities)

Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

The programs goals are to help at-risk and low-income youth and their families gain self-sufficiency for daily living through coordination of services available through various agencies, crisis intervention and on-going client support.

Hispanic Outreach Services - (Catholic Charities Diocese of Albany)

Monday – Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Program will serve 100+ Hispanic youth and their families through the use of outreach services, cultural celebrations, summer recreation program, and advocacy and referral services. Project will help these families identify and voice their concerns and needs, and also become familiar with the appropriate human services agencies and mentoring program.

Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP)

Call for hours. (518) 465 – 5408 ext. 3004

Program provides mentors with youth (ages 10-14) in the West Hill, Arbor Hill and South End neighborhoods of the inner city of Albany, New York. Families are furnished with information and referrals about community resources. Individual and group activities are provided to targeted youth through mentoring services.

Mediation Matters

Agency provides "the skills and processes that help people handle conflict in a constructive way" Through Albany County's PINS Diversion Program, 16 and 17 year olds cases can be referred to mediation. This is a voluntary, private and confidential process in which a trained, impartial and neutral party facilitates communication and assists to resolve differences between parents and teens without resorting to intervention by the Albany County Family Court or the Department of Probation.

Mentors and Moms (Cornell Cooperative Ext.)

Mentors and Moms provide support to parenting adolescent girls in Albany County. Each teen is matched with a trained community based mentor to provide on-going support. All participants gather monthly for peer support, educational and social programs.

New Day Art

After school program operates Monday-Friday 2:30-5:00 for youth in grades 1-6 - (465-3025)

Program offers an alternative to the streets during non school hours to youth residing in and around the south end of Albany. The program offers a variety of art workshops, academic enrichment, and access to mentors and positive role models. Agency offers an after school and summer program.

Police Athletic League (PAL)

Albany PAL is a juvenile crime prevention program that brings kids and cops together in non-law enforcement settings. PAL provides the youth of Albany with quality recreational, educational and athletic programs during their non-school hours.

South End Community Partnership for Safe Families

The mission of the Partnership is to foster community-wide efforts to support families. This support will in turn enable families to create safe environments for the physical and emotional development of their children

Stars Intergen Corporation

Middle School Star Helpers (MSSH) program for students in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school is an intergenerational program which brings students and senior citizens together weekly to promote friendships, improve self-esteem and self-awareness and to work on community service activities, homework, crafts, games and various projects.

Trinity Institution, Inc. - Homer Perkins Center

Monday – Friday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm for ages 6-12, and 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm for ages 13-17. Agency will administer an after school program for economically disadvantaged youth from one-parent families residing in the South End. Project will offer arts and crafts, gym activities, educational support services and weekly field trips.

Two Together

September – June 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Reading and Enrichment is offered at three sites (Giffen Elementary School, 200 Green Street, and John Howe Library) in the South End of Albany. The Program strives to encourage reading through an innovative after school literacy and enrichment program. Their goal is to encourage the youths social, cultural and intellectual growth by improving their reading skills while ensuring that enjoyment is a fundamental component of that growth.

Watervliet Civic Center, Inc. - Recreation Program

Monday – Friday 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Summer Hours – July and August 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Agency offers a comprehensive recreation program for youth ages 8-18 that include: gym games, table games, weight lifting, basketball, ceramics and physical fitness activities, and special events. The program helps youth to develop skills and character, and respect the rights of others.

Youth Enrichment Program

Saturday program from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (465-5408)

Program is located in the Neighborhood Community Center at 340 First Street. The program provides services and opportunities for youth that will supplement their education as well as provides for a variety of cultural, educational and recreational enrichment activities. The program is offered on Saturdays and employs a thematic module approach consisting of 4-6 weeks on each topic.

Youth Recognition Award Program

Program designed to incorporate some of the positive concepts of youth development in order to recognize the assets of youth. The Awards Program will assist youth by recognizing academic vocational, athletic and social accomplishments.

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YOUTH BUREAU AGENCY DIRECTORY
Runaway and Homeless Programs

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Equinox, Inc. - Emergency Shelter Project	Mary Seely	Denise Wheeler, Program Director Mary Campagna, Director of Youth Services	Site: (518)465-9524 FAX (518) 465-9507 Administration: 95 Central Avenue Albany, New York 12206 (518)434-6135 FAX (518) 434-4502
Equinox, Inc. - Independent Living Program	Mary Seely	Constance Adsitt	Administration: 95 Central Avenue Albany, New York 12206 (518)434-6135 FAX (518) 434-4502
Homeless and Travelers Aid Society - Albany County Youth Homeless Emergency Services	Ira L. Mandelker	Joanne Zubris	138 State Street Albany, New York 12207 (518) 463-2124 FAX (518) 463-0263

Program Descriptions

Albany County Youth Bureau - Runaway and Homeless Youth Service

Coordinator

Call for hours and location. (518)447-7700
 RHYA Coordinator, assesses, coordinates, monitors, evaluates and networks, all resources required to meet the needs of Albany County runaway and homeless youth and compiles information that is incorporated into the County Comprehensive Youth Service Plan.

Equinox, Inc. - Emergency Shelter Project

Call for hours and locations. (518)465-9524
 Program provides 24 hour a day, seven days a week, crisis intervention services to runaway and homeless youth ages 13-17, from Albany County, through a 13-bed, short-term emergency shelter residence,

Equinox, Inc. - Independent Living Program

Call for hours and locations. (518)462-9524
 Program offers intensive counseling, case management, advocacy services and independent living apartments for homeless youth, ages 16-20. The project will develop the skills of the youth to enable them to live on their own and to successfully integrate these youth into the community. Agency currently has four, two-bedroom apartments available.

Homeless and Travelers Aid Society - Albany County Youth Homeless Emergency Services

Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 24 Hour Emergency Hotline Also Available
 Program seeks to address emergency needs of homeless youth in Albany County, through the provision of crisis intervention, referral and case management services. Staff will attempt to stabilize the immediate crisis and through follow-up, endeavor to break the cycle of homelessness.

