

ALBANY COUNTY
YOUTH BUREAU

Directory of Programs



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**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
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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
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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 four financial resources.

- ▶ **Youth Development Program (YDP)**
- ▶ **Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Funding (RHYA)**
- ▶ **Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF)**
- ▶ **Youth Team Sports (YTS)**

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

Parameters for the four 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 2025 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)

4TH FAMILY INC.

141 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210
(518) 506-0990 • 4thfamily.org

Contact Person: Jasmine Higgins
CEO: Jahkeen Hoke

4th Family Inc. offers transformative programs focused on social-emotional development and prevention for at-risk youth and adults, primarily serving Black, Latino, and Asian communities. Our target population includes individuals from homes with incarcerated parents and those from impoverished communities in the City of Albany, facing the achievement and opportunity gap. Many participants are bilingual, primarily in English and Spanish. Through mentorship, service, and STEM, our programs equip participants and their families with personal growth tools, conflict resolution skills, and social-emotional development to help participants overcome barriers such as violence, academic underachievement, and economic insecurity.

ALBANY POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE, INC.

Albany PAL Youth Development Programs

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

Executive Director: Leonard Ricchiuti

PAL offers year-round programming opportunities during non school days and after school hours, to youth age 5-21 years old. Our primary location at 844 Madison Ave serves as a base of operations, with varied hours Mon-Sat 8am-8pm, based on particular season and programming options available. PAL program focuses on education, leadership, career building, life skills, character development, health awareness, financial literacy, recreational activities and sports/fitness. Our mentoring-based program provides children with the capacity to grow and develop on a personal and academic level and to become engaged as an active caring member of the community. Through PAL programs children are able to foster their passions and discover new perspectives on how to stay happy and healthy.



BETHLEHEM YOUTH COURT

261 Elm Avenue
Delmar, NY 12054
(518) 320-2350 • www.BethlehemYouthCourt.org

Director: Katrina Charland

BYC serves justice involved at-risk youth and student volunteers who conduct peer-led diversion hearings. The at-risk youth served have committed low-level chargeable offenses such as minor drug possession, petit larceny, and vandalism. These youth under the age of 19 who have committed an offense(s) in the Town of Bethlehem are eligible for this program. However, residency is not a factor in participation, therefore youth from surrounding communities, such as Albany, Ravena, and Coeymans are eligible. Participants are often on a path of poor decision making and the positive intervention of Youth Court aims to intervene at a crucial point in their lives through the use of peer-led sentencing hearings, completion of community service, and other positive sanctions such as apology letters, and educational classes.

BIG BROTHER BIG SISTERS OF THE CAPITAL REGION

Albany County Mentoring for Youth Wellness and Success

P.O. Box 8468
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 862-1250 • www.bbbbscr.org

Contact Person: Lisa O'Sullivan
CEO: Jeff Lurie

Through professionally supported mentoring relationships and group enrichment activities, we will enroll, match and support 175 Albany County youth ages 6-18, 99% will come from low income, single-parent homes or have an incarcerated parent. Staff will interview children and families at home and recruit, interview, and screens mentors. Matches meet in the community, at site-based programs, and/or at agency- sponsored events/activities. BBBSCR staff provides regular wellness calls with children, mentors, and parents/guardians and makes connections to wrap-around supports to address household needs such as mental wellness, food insecurity, and financial challenges.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE GREATER CAPITAL AREA

Summer Camp

21 Delaware Avenue
Albany, NY 12210
(518) 462-5528 • www.bgcccapitalarea.org

Contact Person: Suzanne Levy
CEO: Justin Reuter

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 at Camp Thatcher. Camp Thatcher provides free transportation for all campers. Our summer program at Lawson's Lake gets inner-city youth out of the city environment and immersed in nature. The camp uses our Summer Brain Gain curriculum which allows youth to do a variety of high yield learning activities to ensure that educational concepts are not lost during the summer months. Additional camp highlights include hiking, fishing, arts & crafts, sports fitness & recreation, and performing arts.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES TRI-COUNTY SERVICES

Camp Scully

201 Academy Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144
(518) 314-0378 • www.ccrda.org

Contact Person: William Moran
Executive Director: Jenn Hyde

Camp Scully exists to provide intensive socialization and recreation experiences to children ages 5-16 from all families but especially poor and marginal income families for at least one week in a safe, supervised group setting. Attending camp promotes year-round education to prevent summer learning loss. Emphasis is placed on assisting children to 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.

Hilltowns Community Resource Center

P.O. Box 28
Rensselaer, NY 12144
(518) 512-3577 • www.ccrda.org

Contact Person: Elisabeth Espinosa
Executive Director: Jenn Hyde

The Hilltowns Community Resource Center, a program of Catholic Charities Tri-County Services, works to assist the individuals in the community meet their basic needs. Located on Route 143 in the heart of Westerlo, the Hilltowns Community Resource Center (HCRC) is one of the few resources in this extremely rural area of Albany County. Their service area includes Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville and the surrounding counties. In an effort to promote independence and meaningful access to services, the staff at the Resource Center work with parents and children with developmental disabilities through direct advocacy and referrals to other community supports.



CONFLICT RESOLUTION SERVICES

Mediation Matters

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

Director of Services: Jim Fitzgerald

Mediation Matters provides conflict resolution services to families and teens when the situation has been referred by Probation for a PINS/pre-PINS situation or by another organization for another reason. Through these sessions, teens and the adults in their lives find ways to improve communication and avoid the need for continued juvenile justice or another systems involvement. This helps the youth to take responsibility for their behavior without being permanently defined by their actions and helps the significant adults in their lives to define ways to support the teens. Services can be provided virtually or in-person.

CONNECT CENTER OF COHOES

Connect Center Summer of Steam

49 Johnston Avenue
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 687-1999 • <https://www.connectcenterforyouth.org>

Executive Director: Ben Williams

The Connect Center for Youth's Summer of STEAM program offers a series of free, week-long, half-day camps for middle and high school students. These camps engage students in hands-on learning across various STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) fields. Activities cover a range of subjects, with past sessions featuring music, art, technology, coding, and culinary arts. Summer of STEAM aims to inspire creativity and innovation, helping students explore new interests and build skills in a supportive environment. The lineup varies each year to keep offerings fresh and responsive to student interests.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ALBANY COUNTY

4-H Summer Adventures Program

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

Contact Person: Barbra Stevens
Executive Director: Lisa Godlewski

Youth who participate in the 4-H Summer Adventures Program will learn about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle through hands-on, experiential learning. Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County 4-H educators will provide lessons that will engage youth as they explore health concepts related to nutrition, physical activity, science, and the environment. Programming will focus on youth ages 5-14 at summer programming sites including YMCA camps, libraries and summer recreation programs in Albany County.



GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK, INC.

Girl Scouts: Courage Confidence and Character

8 Mountain View Drive
Albany, NY 12205
(518) 489-8110 • www.girlscoutsneny.org

Contact Person: Renee Kelly
CEO: Brenda Episcopo

Girl Scouts has been fulfilling its mission, to build girls of courage, confidence and character for 113 years. Through troops, organized in local communities throughout Albany County, and led by committed and trained volunteers, Girl Scout participants find an inclusive community, explore their interests, learn to fail, find their strengths and learn to use their voices for the things they care about. A girl can join Girl Scouts in the spring of their Pre-K year and can continue through High School completion. Activities are supported by Girl Scouts Council staff who work with schools and families to identify and register girls, provide ongoing support for volunteer troop leaders, facilitate financial aid where needed, provide additional programs, and summer camp.

GIRLS INC. OF THE GREATER CAPITAL REGION

Today's Girls, Tomorrow's Leader

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

Contact Person: Kerry Gribbon
CEO: Ashil Fragomenti

Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be strong, smart and bold. We provide free after-school programs to all girls, K-12th grade. Our program empowers girls to succeed by providing trusting mentoring relationships, a girls-only environment, and research-based, hands-on programming. 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 work to ensure that girls participate in programs and activities that support and expand their school-based learning and engagement. Our comprehensive approach to whole girl development equips girls to navigate gender, economic, and social barriers and grow up healthy, educated, and independent.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED TRANSITION SERVICES

Teen Institute

430 Franklin Street, 2nd floor
Schenectady, NY 12305
(518) 207-0209 • matransitionservices.org

Contact Person: Rachel Rankin
Chief Coach & Founder: Carmen Duncan

The Institutes are 8 month paid internships for teens age 16-18. Teens participate in structured group and individual mentorship sessions that focus on a variety of topics related to career readiness and exploration, higher education (college, vocational training and gap year programs) preparation and exploration, networking, mock interviewing, public speaking, financial literacy, service learning, marketing, public relations and self-empowerment. Key to the Mission Accomplished approach is our effort to help all participating students develop their social and emotional intelligence. Through intensive mentorship, we support our students, many of whom lack a source of vital encouragement at home. We will also provide career exploration and scholarship workshops in area high schools.

PARSONS CHILD & FAMILY CENTER

Therapeutic Recreation

60 Academy Road
Albany, NY 12208
(518) 426-2600 • www.Northernrivers.org

Contact Person: Art Servidone
CEO: William Gettman

We provide year-round and season 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, theater, special interests club, summer recreational and prevocational programs, outdoor and experimental education. We will work with our youth council to create more service learning and prevocational opportunities, funding will provide our youth the chance to participate in pre-vocational and educational experiences.

SOUTH END CHILDREN'S CAFÉ

P.O. Box 10581
Albany, NY 12201
(518) 275-8890 • www.southendchildrenscafe.org

Executive Director: Tracie Killar

The South End Children's Cafe offers a free Summer Program to children ages 5 - 16 offering lunch, dinner, snacks, enrichment, exercise, and field trips in a supportive, positive and joy filled space. The Summer Program focuses on making memories, offering new experiences to the children and youth and providing field trips in natural settings. The multiage program allows for children and youth to learn and grow together in a safe space and while receiving healthy foods for the children and the families. In addition, the South End Children's Cafe incorporates reading and community service into the Summer Program, opportunities for middle school youth to participate as mentors and leaders, and job opportunities to community members.

STARS INTERGEN CORP.

STARS Helpers

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

Executive Director: Linda Bruno

STARS Helpers is an afterschool intergenerational mentoring program that links senior volunteers, called STARS, with middle and high school students from the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk (RCS) School District. Students are both skilled and disabled. They come at will and are not mandated to attend. Two middle school teachers come with the students that are transported to and from the site by the district. Each session is planned with the teachers and volunteers' input. Students also have a say in the activities chosen. Students learn of the needs of the local, Capital District and larger world community. They are exposed to the needs of these areas and allowed to make choices in serving those needs. They learn the value of volunteerism and giving back to their community. They learn the value of team work.



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

Contact Person: Michael Kelly

The Craft, Arts, Recreation, and Education (CARE) is a regulated after-school program serving fifty children residing in Arbor Hill and West Hill, eighty children/teens in the South End. CARE is a "safe haven" presented in a stimulating pedagogic and social environment that offers homework assistance, arts and crafts, music, and mentoring. The program promotes strong students, family members, citizens and community members. CARE decreases summer "learning loss". Children referred by County of Albany Department for Children, Youth and Families are mainstreamed into the CARE program. We are following public health authority COVID-19 safety practices and guidelines.



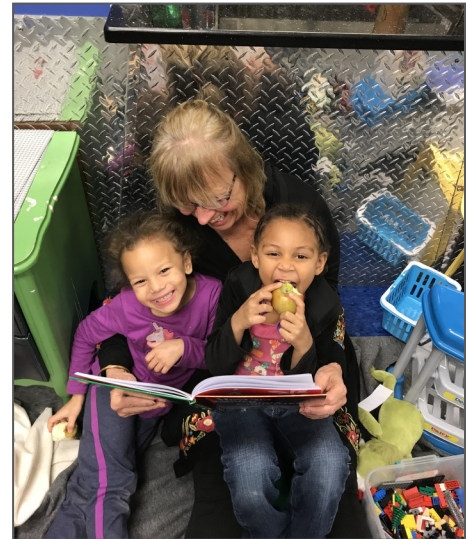
TWO TOGETHER, INC

After School Tutorial & Enrichment

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

Board President: Lisa Petter Dodman

Two Together, Inc (TT) provides an after school, Tuesday-Thursday individualized tutoring & enrichment program for youth in grades 1-5. Founded in 1997, the TT site is located in an Albany Public Housing building in the South End of Albany across the street from its feeder school, Giffen Elementary. The TT program is structured to help children develop a love for reading, improve their writing and academic performance, and promote positive character development.



WATERVLiet CIVIC CHEST, INC. (CIVIC CENTER)

Homework Help Program

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

Executive Director: William Sheehy

To offer a homework help program and academic intervention and improvement program for youth and young adults ages 5-21. The program will be conducted and supervised by a NYS certified teacher and or teaching assistant. The program will target youth who are not completing their homework assignments accurately and on a regular basis, students who are regularly truant from school and students who are not meeting the required academic standards set by the NYS Education Department. The Watervliet Civic Center will work closely with the Watervliet City School District to offer this program to all students in this specific target area. The teacher and teaching assistant will be qualified, and experienced to instruct and lead these students towards academic success.



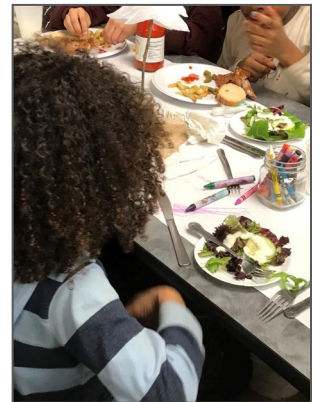
Nutrition Advancement and Physical Development Program

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

Executive Director: William Sheehy

To offer a Nutrition Advancement and Physical Development Program for youth and young adults ages 5-20. This program will feature three components.

1. **Nutrition:** will focus on healthy eating, reducing risk factors related to obesity, and how to prepare healthy and nutritious snacks and meals.
2. **Physical Development:** will focus on regular physical exercise, improving one's physical appearance, and overall physical well-being.
3. **Supplemental Food Program:** will provide nutritious, healthy and child friendly packaged food for food insecure children during the weekend when no other food programs are available for youth. This is formatted for economically disadvantaged and chronically hungry youth, supporting the health and well-being of children who demonstrate the highest risk of hunger.



Youth Recreation Program

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

Executive Director: William Sheehy

Watervliet Civic Center offers a variety of wholesome, constructive, and supervised programs and services for the youth and young adults living in the city of Watervliet on a year-round basis. Programs are offered to the youth during their leisure time and non-school hours. Our core programs consist of recreation, child care, and a summer recreation program. Programs are also offered in truancy prevention, education, youth development, and nutrition advancements and physical development. All of the programs are designed to meet the needs of the youth during their formative years and to prevent negative social forces from controlling their young lives. Programs allow the youth to grow and develop socially, emotionally, and physically. This program has been conducted since 1946.



MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS

CITY OF ALBANY

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

175 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 391-8500 • www.albanyny.gov

Contact Person: Raphael Tucker
Commissioner: Jonathan Jones

In 2014, President Obama introduced the My Brother's Keeper Challenge which charged communities with the task to develop an action plan centered on six milestones. In 2015, Mayor Kathy M. Sheehan accepted this challenge for the City of Albany to include young girls. Albany's MBSK program aims to create a holistic program that not only equips young adults with the necessary skills but also fosters a sense of community in their journey towards meaningful employment. The MBSK Mentoring Program will serve as a collaborative clearing house for the City of Albany's youth. The priority population will be out of school youth (18-20) who reside in Arbor Hill, West Hill, South End and North Albany.

Summer Youth Employment Program - LIGHT SYEP

175 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 391-8500 • www.albanyny.gov

Contact Person: Raphael Tucker
Commissioner: Jonathan Jones

The City of Albany's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) has served as a vehicle exposing young adults between the ages of 14-18, to career exploration opportunities, and paid work experience. Youth have the opportunity to explore their interests, learn about local growing industries, financial literacy, develop workplace skills, and engage in learning experiences that help in developing their social, civic, and leadership skills. In 2025, our SYEP will run from 7/7/2025 to 8/8/2025, where youth can work a total of 20 hours a week for 5 weeks at \$15.00 per hour. As implemented in last year's program youth will begin with our Enrichment Pre-Youth Employment Training during the first week. And on Monday, July 14th, youth will report to their assigned worksites Monday thru Friday.

Career Connections

97 Mohawk Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 233-2199 • www.ci.cohoes.ny.us

Contact Person: Matthew LaBombard
Mayor: William Keeler

Career Connections provides an opportunity for the youth of Cohoes to connect with Cohoes First Responders, Certified Coaches, the Mayor and staff members, Department of Public Works staff and Community Leaders during volunteer opportunities, Sports Academy Camp presentations, and employment opportunities through the Summer Recreation Program. This brings to light the career opportunities within their own community.



Summer Recreation Programming

97 Mohawk Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 233-2116 • www.ci.cohoes.ny.us

Contact Person: Matthew LaBombard
Mayor: William Keeler

The Summer Recreation Programs provides youth activities such as, Sports Academy/Camps, sports clinics, recreation swimming, splash park and Safety awareness programs for the youth of Cohoes.

Youth Bureau Admin

97 Mohawk Street
Cohoes, NY 12047
(518) 233-2116 • www.ci.cohoes.ny.us

Contact Person: Matthew LaBombard
Mayor: William Keeler

The mission of the Recreation Department is to serve and improve the life standards of children and families in the City of Cohoes. Creating a positive and social environment within the community is a goal that we have set forth as a department. The staff along with social programs give the population of our city a chance to develop a positive state of being.



CITY OF WATERVLiet

Recreation

2-15th Street
Watervliet, NY 12189
(518) 270-3800 • www.watervliet.com

Contact Person: Joseph LaCivita
Mayor: Charles Patricelli

The City of Watervliet's goal is to create programs that can be socially, mentally and physically enhancing in bringing the community together. Programs use the effort of the community in order to bring new knowledge and experiences to those involved in the activities. Participants will learn from the program instructors as well as interact with members of the community.

TOWN OF COEYMANS

Summer Program

18 Russell Avenue
Ravens, NY 12143
(518) 756-6006 • www.coeyman.org

Contact Person: Stephen Fazio
Supervisor: Stephen Donnelly

The Town of Coeymans will employ 18 individuals to work at the Discovery Program located at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School. The program runs four days a week, Monday - Thursday from 9am to 2pm, serving kindergarten through 8th grade students. The program is fully supervised by teachers and camp counselors. Each age group has a theme and youth will enjoy theme-based activities while attending the program.

TOWN OF COLONIE

Youth Advisory Board

629 Albany Shaker Road
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 458-9274 • colonielibrary.org and colonie.org

Contact Person: Ashleigh Whitfield
Director: Elissa Valente

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. Forty-one students were selected by their high school administrators. The Board's activities serve to promote civic responsibility among the participating students by involving them in selecting, planning, and implementing projects. The students have the opportunity to volunteer at several Town events. The program is also looking to expand again to include a Middle School Youth Advisory Board and will be connecting with district staff to discuss.



Youth Development Program 2025

629 Albany Shaker Road
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 458-9274 • colonielibrary.org and colonie.org

Contact Person: Ashleigh Whitfield
Director: Elissa Valente

The Town of Colonie, in collaboration with the library, town residents, North Colonie School District, Colonie Central School District, and Christan Brothers Academy has developed a close working relationship in order to provide its citizens with safe, fun, and structured programming. Our programs serve to promote positive social, civic, community, and educational interactions among youth, their peers, and adults. Students in the town will have the opportunity to participate in Students in Local Government Day, while also volunteering for the Colonie Library, Summer Reading Program, the TASC (Teens Actively Serving the Community) outreach program run by the library, the Town Halloween Trunk or Treat event, and Global Youth Service Day.

TOWN OF GUILDERLAND

Tawasentha Day Camp & Learn to Swim Program

P.O. Box 339
Guilderland, NY 12084
(518) 456-3150 • www.townofguilderland.org

Contact Person: Amy Boyt
Town Supervisor: Peter Barber

The Tawasentha Park Day Camp Program is a six-week half day camp program that runs from the first week after school ends to the first week in August each year. The camp runs from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm daily for approx. 600 campers. The Town provides bussing for all day camp participants, including a bus and a bus aide for campers with disabilities. The camp offers a variety of sports, enrichment, and learning opportunities. Campers have the option to participate in the Red Cross Learn to Swim classes during camp at no additional charge. The Learn to Swim program is in addition to the day camp program. The Learn to Swim serves approximately 300 youth in the Town for a nominal fee (\$20 for two-week sessions). The program runs from the end of June until mid-August.



TOWN OF KNOX

Youth Program

P.O. Box 56
Knox, NY 12197
(518) 669-6459 • www.knoxny.org

Town Supervisor: Russell Pokorny

The Town of Knox actively provides recreational and social activities for community members and more specifically youths. These programs include but are not limited to: a winter fest carnival, Easter egg hunt, summer soccer program, spring soccer program, a summer fair, a fall fair, swim program, and other various events that take place in the Town of Knox.

VILLAGE OF ALTAMONT

Bozenkill Park Summer Camp Program

P.O. Box 643
Altamont, NY 12009
(518) 861-8554 • www.altamontvillage.org

Contact Person: Ginger Hannah
Mayor: Kerry Dineen

The Village of Altamont would like to offer scholarships to children of economically challenged and low-income families for the Bozenkill Park Summer Camp Program. We also offer swimming lessons with a water safety instructor. The program will be offered weekly from July 7th to August 8th, 2025. The program offers organized games, arts, crafts, swimming, and group projects.



VILLAGE OF COLONIE

Youth & Recreation Program

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

Contact Person: Jamie Blot
Mayor: James Rubino

The Village of Colonie provides a drop-in recreation center where youth can participate in recreation activities such as basketball, pool, foosball, and ping pong, as well as monitored computer rooms where 10 computers are available to use and a kitchen facility used to teach cooking skills to developmentally disabled youth. The recreation center provides a supervised facility for after school, weekend, and holidays. In the summer, in addition to the recreation center, the park program is open to youth. The park provides activities such as crafts and sports games, a newly installed playground at Cook Park is an all-inclusive design to allow all types of children to play together regardless of disability. There are so many field trips to various places which includes weekly trips to the pool.

VILLAGE OF GREEN ISLAND

Recreation & Youth Services

20 Clinton Street
Green Island, NY 12183
(518) 273-2201 • www.villageofgreenisland.com

Contact Person: Maggie Alix
Mayor: Ellen McNulty-Ryan

Our recreational programs promote education, creativity, and character development. Our goal is to provide a summer program that encourages healthy behavior through active play. We want our youth to challenge themselves and their peers in a controlled environment. Our program encourages children to become leaders and positive members of the community. The Village of Green Island continuously invests in the Paine Street Park. In addition to the sprinkler pad, playground and basketball courts, the Village will be installing new fencing and sidewalks for the safety of all patrons. This year the Village will be installing a new fence; which provides security and new sidewalks. Green Island enhanced this asset because they know the value this park has in the community.



VILLAGE OF VORHEESVILLE

Summer Recreation Program

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

Contact Person: Daniel Wasserbach
Mayor: Richard Straut

This is a 5-week program, held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 12pm. The dates of the 2025 program will be from July 7 to August 8. Children entering grades K-6 can attend. The program is available to Village residents, as well as non-residents, enrollment is roughly 60/40. The program itinerary is mainly arts and crafts and games. Each week typically has a theme. There are opportunities for some organized sports and one day a week the local librarian comes to do story time with the children.



YOUTH SPORTS & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FUNDING (YSEF)

ART PARTNERS

"Discover Dance" through Sport Strategies Program

103 Ontario Street
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 210-7854

Executive Artistic Director: Tsehay Smith

Alternatives for youth "Discover dance" through sports strategies program, targets inner city youth ages 6-17 combining youth driven crime prevention strategies with health/physical wellness and athletic exercises. Our program seeks to provide a safe place for youth to experience multicultural perspective, self-esteem building, self-reflection and creative expression. "Discover Dance" seeks to deter juvenile youth/teens from at risk behaviors during weekend and after school hours through dance and sports related activities such as Ballet/Creative Movement; Yoga; Fencing & Tap Dance, Jazz Dance & Drumming. We assist juvenile youth in our program providing athletic, physical/social development and ways to strategize movement, develop athleticism & improve academics via tutoring with physical education, sports training, and dance.

EDEN'S ROSE FOUNDATION

Wheels Up

498 1st Street
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 227-1568

Contact Person: Michael Suske
Executive Director: Gregory Sheldon

The Wheels Up program is a dynamic initiative aimed at empowering underserved youth through cycling. It combines bicycle mechanics training, community service, and outdoor athletic activities, offering kids from urban areas unique opportunities for growth and development. By refurbishing donated bicycles, the program teaches technical skills and promotes environmental sustainability. Additionally, Wheels Up engages kids in healthy outdoor recreational activities in the summer including trail building, and competitive cycling, fostering physical health, teamwork, and community cohesion. This holistic approach not only provides practical skills and fitness but also nurtures leadership and social connectivity among diverse youth groups.

MAKE A PLAY, INC.

Beyond Sports

P.O. Box 8713
Albany, NY 12208
(518) 330-0992 • www.makeaplay.org

Executive Director: Sean Brown

Beyond Sports helps to bridge the performance gap among Albany youth ages 6-17 with wholesome sports and skill-building activities designed to improve their academic performance, health and wellness, attitude towards school, self-confidence, character, and values. Using sports as an effective tool in keeping youth from falling into a cycle of anti-social behavior, violence, crime, and drug use. Programming is designed to provide foundational instruction in a single sport or activity. Featuring sports science and curricular inclusive of the proper stretching and warm-up, conditioning, fitness, fundamental and advanced concepts in the sport to include, but not limited to: Drill, Track, Basketball, Agility, Calisthenics, and Resistance Training.



THE SALVATION ARMY

Long Point Summer Camp

20 S. Ferry Street
Albany, NY 12202
(518) 463-6678 • <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/empire/albany/>

Corps Officer: Joaquin Calvo

Long Point Camp, located on Seneca Lake in Penn, Yan is designed to allow children from Albany and across our 48 counties to experience a weeklong residential camp experience for character building, nature exposure, recreational education, and team building. This funding will allow 40 at risk youth to attend camp during the summer of 2025.

TRINITY ALLIANCE OF THE CAPITAL REGION INC.

Trinity Alliance Youth Sports

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

Contact Person: Sara Adams

Trinity Alliance is a 112- year old settlement house with proven expertise to reach into under-resourced neighborhoods. Trinity has implemented youth sport opportunities in their program to include: basketball, karate, volleyball, boxing, and general physical activity. Coaching in these sports is offered to youth ages 5 - 17 years old six days per week.



YOUTH TEAM SPORTS (YTS)

518 ELITE BASKETBALL

599 River Street
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 248-6573

Contact Person: Shinisha McKnight
Owner: Marcus Woods

518 Elite is a program that serves many underprivileged youth in the area. These methods include: hosting free training sessions, basketball clinics, skills and drills for beginners and information sessions about basketball for children of all age groups. We also assist with analyzing the children's goals as far as what they would like to do in the future, assist with tutoring if needed as well as referrals. We participate in a lot of events in the area for children such as youth events and other fundraising opportunities for other programs. We also do giveaways where we offer sponsorship to underprivileged youth who would like to be involved in the program but are unable to afford the means to do so.

ALBANY POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE, INC.

Athletics Growth Sports Initiative

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

Executive Director: Leonard Ricchiuti

PAL offers year-round programming opportunities during non-school day and after school hours, to youth age 6-17 years old. Our indoor year-round facility and admin is at 844 Madison Ave. and our three season 9 acre facility of buildings and fields on Krank St. in Albany's south end. PAL programs focus on education, leadership, career building, life skills, character development, health awareness, financial literacy, recreation, and athletics. PAL offers basketball, volleyball, and cross-country leagues during the fall and winter seasons. During the spring and summer, they offer baseball and track & field leagues. This proposal seeks to increase athletic opportunities & participation to our youth in a wide range of activities without the traditional cost prohibitive fees associated with similar programs. This proposal will also assist with the creation of a full-time position to coordinate all athletic events.

GKNY MENTOR PROGRAM, INC

GKNY Youth Empowerment

25 Elk Street
Albany, NY 12207
(518) 209-7067 • gknymentorprogram.org

Director of Operations: Gerald Malcom

The GKNY Mentor Program model ensures that youth programming is free and consistent through the entire year. The hallmark of the program is providing educational, professional, individual and community development with our mentors/youth advocates working directly with participants on skill building and personal development through workshops and sports. The yearlong program also includes a separate 12-week spring and summer league. Our weekly Autism Arts and Movement class also includes a six-week summer program to learn and play the game of basketball.

NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE

National Little League 2024 Operations

P.O. Box 8423
Albany, NY 12208
(518) 441-1296

Board President: Eric Schillinger



National Little League (NLL) is seeking support for its 2025 Baseball Season. NLL serves youth ages 4-12 of all genders. Based on Little League territory rules, our players live in the area surrounding the NLL including the following neighborhoods: Normanskill, Helderberg, Pine Hills, Buckingham Lake, Melrose, Whitehall, and New Scotland.

NEW SCOTLAND SOCCER CLUB

P.O. Box 44
Voorheesville, NY 12186
(518) 428-9140 • www.newscotlandsoccer.com

Board Member: Bill Miller

Established in 1984, New Scotland gives children in Albany county the opportunity to learn and have fun playing soccer. NSSC sponsors competitive travel soccer teams U8 and up. The goal of the club is to encourage players with an interest in soccer to foster development of skills and sportsmanship, while engaging in competitive games. Soccer helps coordination, promotes teamwork and sharing, teaches youth to think on the run, and helps increase concentration, persistence, and self-discipline. New Scotland SC is governed by a Board of Directors and Officers. Our volunteer coaches are licensed to work with youth soccer players.

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND AT ALBANY, INC. (NABA)

NABA Youth Services

301 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12209
(518) 512-2713 • www.nabavision.org

Contact Person: Kathleen Lather
CEO: Laura Zeliger



Our Youth program provides free vital vision rehabilitation and recreational activities to legally blind youth ages 6-18. On-site programs run one Saturday and one Sunday each month year-round, during school winter/spring break weeks, and for 2 weeks in July and August. Monthly, six virtual programs are held in the evening (Girls/Boys empowerment, book club, family game night, Go Getters (seeking employment skills), and MAPPS (Self-Advocacy). Our program combines educational, recreational, pre-employment and daily living skills instruction with emphasis on increasing independence and socialization. Participants play Goalball - a Paralympic sport. Goalball instruction is provided by a high school coach/certified teacher.

Varsity and Modified Rowing Club

P.O. Box 11212
Loudonville, NY 12211
(646) 642-0580 • shakercrew.org

President: Neu Sharda

Shaker Rowing Association is a not-for-profit community-based organization which serves as the primary support organization for Shaker Crew, a student club of the Shaker Middle and Shaker High Schools. Shaker Rowing is composed of parents, students, coaches and community members that support rowing by providing coaching, equipment and training that instills technical knowledge and lifetime values for athletes of Shaker Middle and High Schools. This club is completely financed by the rowers and their families which creates a barrier for those who cannot afford it. We offer scholarships to interested rowers who are currently excluded due to financial reasons.

RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS (RHYA)

EQUINOX, INC.

Transitional Living Program

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

Contact Person: Christine Rodriguez
CEO: John Henley

Equinox's NYS certified Transitional Living Program serves runaway and homeless youth aged 16-20 in Albany County and the Capital Region. The program accommodates single youth of all genders, including pregnant and parenting youth. It uses a positive youth development approach to offer participants a healthy, safe, and thriving environment. The program provides secure apartments, meets critical needs, and helps participants reach goals and gain skills through comprehensive case management and life skills training. The program guides participants through the practice of skills and the development of support networks so that they may successfully transition to independent living.

ST. ANNE INSTITUTE

New Beginnings Emergency Youth Shelter

160 North Main Avenue
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 437-6501 • Stanneinstitute.org

CEO: Richard Huckle

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

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