



MANCHESTER YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU GREAT WAYS TO GET INVOLVED PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE

Boys to Men: Boyz to Men is a site based enrichment program designed to provide support to young men between the ages of 14 and 18 who can benefit from the guidance, friendship, and life experience of an adult male mentors in a group setting. Youth will be exposed to positive activities such as college tours and cultural events, as well as other fun activities and trips.

Boys Council: Council is an evidence-based “rite of passage” program for boys ranging in ages 9-18 (separated into age specific groups). It provides a place where boys can come together and engage in “guy talk”. It offers a safe place where boys can be creative, express their ideas, and share their true selves.

Community Service Program: The purpose of the community service program is to provide youth with opportunities to be exposed to an environment in which they can contribute positively. Youth will experience rewards that will foster a sense of heightened self-esteem and accomplishments. Community service can be completed for school requirements, faith based organizations, court, or for any other reason.

Diversion Program: Diversion is a means to prevent juveniles who commit minor, first-time criminal offenses from being referred to Juvenile Court. A Youth Service Coordinator meets with the youth and the youth’s family, and they implement a plan designed to improve the youth’s social and life skills, make restitution to the community, and address other needs the family may have. Referrals come directly from the Police Department.

ENuF: Exploring Nutrition and Fitness. This Program will focus on healthy living and healthy choices for youth. They will learn about nutrition, fitness, cooking and how to make positive and healthy decisions related to their health and well-being.

Girls Circle: Girls Circle is an evidence-based program for girls ages 9-18 broken into age specific groups. This is an opportunity to explore what it means to be a girl, to exchange ideas, and explore the future by doing creative, fun and interactive activities. It is designed to foster self-esteem and to help girls maintain authentic connections with peers and adult women in their community.

JOBS (Work Readiness): The JOBS Program is a walk-in service designed to prepare youth for the world of work. Youth receive help with: employer expectations, work ethics, resume writing, application completion, interviewing skills, and tips to landing and ultimately keeping a job.

Journey: The Journey program provides pathways to leadership. It is a service learning program with an emphasis on environmental education, leadership and woodworking training. Projects focus on giving back to the Manchester community while building relationships and learning important life skills.

Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program: The Juvenile Fire Setter Program offers screening, education and referrals for children engaging in fire setting behavior. This program is for all ages. The team is a collaborative effort between the Manchester Youth Service Bureau, the Manchester Police Department, Manchester fire Rescue EMS and the Community Child Guidance Clinic of Manchester. Referrals come directly from the Police Department or other appropriate agency.

L2L: The Learning 2 Lead leadership program will focus on teaching youth how to become more effective leaders in their community. They will learn about decision making, healthy choices and how to positively influence their peers. They will look at issues affecting youth and work to educate others while making positive contributions to their community.

Mother-Daughter Circle: The Mother-Daughter Circle is an evidence-based support program. The purpose of the Circle is to promote a healthy and sustaining bond between mothers and daughters during the transitional years from girlhood to young womanhood. The Mother –Daughter Circle provides a safe, consistent, and strengths based approach to supporting mothers and daughters on their relationship journey. Open to Guardians/Moms & their 11-16 year old daughters.

Neighbors for Kids Program: A program for elementary aged students at selected schools that includes afterschool programming, mentoring, parent programs and more. Participants must be referred into the program.

Newsletter: Put you journalist, artistic, poetic, photographic talents to work! Join in publishing a creative and excellent newsletter that is distributed to teens throughout Manchester. Volunteer hours are included with this task. Open to youth grades 6 -12.

SibShop: Opportunities for brothers and sisters of children with behavioral and developmental health needs to obtain peer support and education in a fun setting!

Strengthening Families: Strengthening Families is a parent, youth, and family skills-building evidence-based curriculum designed to help parents/caregivers learn nurturing skills that support their children, teach parents/caregivers how to effectively discipline their youth, give youth a healthy future orientation and an increased appreciation for their parents/caregivers, and teach youth skills for dealing with stress and peer pressure. Designed for parents/guardians (with children ages 10-14) and their children.

Summer Youth Employment & Learning Program: SYELP is a program of the Capital Region Education Council, Capital Workforce Partners and the Town of Manchester, is an summer program for youth ages 15-18 years old that focuses on the development of employability and entrepreneurial skills necessary to earn money. (Program is dependent on State funding).

Tutoring Program: The Tutoring program is designed to provide youth with education assistance in a supportive environment. The students meet with tutors during scheduled after school sessions at the YSB with qualified volunteers that are high school students, college students, retirees and other dedicated adults.

Youth Commission: The Manchester Youth Commission is a diverse group of youth collaborating with local government, in an effort to create open communication in the decision making process, making it possible to strengthen the community through the voice of youth. We are collecting applications year round and selections are made each year in the spring.

Summer Programs:

The YSB also provides positive youth development summer programs. They include Girls Week, Boys Week, Journey, Urban Expedition, Neighbor's for Kids, and much more.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE!!!!
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