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OUR MISSION

AGING: To ensure Greene County's older adults (age 60 and older) stay independent for as long as possible and have a network of supportive services available.

YOUTH: To help coordinate youth services for children and young people, birth to 21, in Greene County, by providing technical assistance to municipalities, private agencies and groups in program development, evaluation, financial planning, program management and training.

Our goals are to

- ♥ Assist older adults in maintaining and/or improving their social, economic, health, safety and nutritional status so they can safely age in place
- ♥ Ensure a network of supportive services to assist Greene County's residents, young and old alike, and their caregivers
- ♥ Advocate for young and old alike.
- ♥ Work together with the Advisory Council to the Greene County Department for the Aging, and the Greene County Youth Advisory Board to recommend ways to provide opportunities that improve the lives of senior citizens and youth of the County.

Agency staff specialize in a variety of subjects. While walk-ins can sometimes be seen, the person who can best assist you may be with someone, out of the office, or doing a home visit. To make sure you are served by the person whose expertise is in your area of need, we recommend you call to set-up an appointment.

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GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' - WHERE CARING PEOPLE HELP

OUR SERVICES

We inform the Greene County Community of our programs, events & emergency notices via:

- ♥ Greene County web page and REGROUP (County wide emergency program)
- ♥ Facebook page
- ♥ Our own newsletter, The Greene County Round Table News
- ♥ Local Area newspapers & media outlets

AGING SERVICES

NUTRITION:

- ♥ Home-delivered Meals to eligible homebound seniors
- ♥ Congregate Meals at our Greene County Rivertown Senior Center in Athens, as well as our Senior Nutrition Sites in Acra, Catskill, Jewett and Coxsackie
- ♥ Nutrition Education and Counseling
- ♥ NYS Farmer's Market Checks

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT:

- ♥ Caregivers Information, Assistance, and Support.
- ♥ Respite Workers

EISEP (IN-HOME):

- ♥ Case Management
- ♥ Homemakers & Personal Care Aides
- ♥ Personal Emergency Response System
- ♥ Ageless Innovations of Animatronic Pets & Board Games
- ♥ ElliQ

HIICAP

- Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance

LEGAL SERVICES

- Private attorney available by appointment only for phone consultations.

TRANSPORTATION:

- ♥ Serve Non-Medicaid seniors who are homebound & need to get to scheduled medical appts.
- ♥ Shopping Bus: Door-to-Door service for local shopping & errands
- ♥ To select Senior Nutrition sites enabling seniors social interaction with noontime meals
- ♥ Vouchers for seniors utilizing Greene County Transit

VOLUNTEER SERVICES:

- ♥ Volunteer Recruitment and placement within the Department and various Community Agencies

YOUTH SERVICES

- **Pre-PINS, PINS:** Work with agencies and schools to assist with youth in need of supervision
- Conduct ongoing research to determine the changing needs of our youth & develop a comprehensive plan for youth services in Greene County.
- Work with youth-serving agencies to improve the quality of services provided in the county.
- Oversees the allocations of funds for programs that benefit Greene County youth under the NYS OCFS Youth Development Program and Sports Education and Team Sports Funding.

GREENE COUNTY ROUND TABLE NEWS

is published monthly by the Dept. of Human Services. If you would like to receive, please call Maureen at 518-719-3555 or via email at mmurphy@greencounty.gov



EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP)

The overall goal of the program is to improve access to, and the availability of, appropriate and cost-effective non-medical support services for older adults who are not eligible for services through Medicaid. EISEP assists older adults who need assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) such as dressing, bathing, personal care, and Independent Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) such as shopping, cooking, and who want to remain at home. Depending on the participant's income, there may be a cost associated with this program. Private contributions are provided through cost sharing which begins at 150% of the poverty level. The amount of cost sharing increases proportionately with income.

Who is Eligible?

Individuals who are at least 60 years old, and

* Need help with Activity of Daily Living (ADL) or 2 Instrumental Activities of Daily Living, (IADL)

* Able to be maintained safely at home,

* Not be a Medicaid recipient.

An essential part of the EISEP program is case management. The program's case managers utilize standardized screening elements to identify needs and wishes of eligible individuals and their families and provide options on services and supports that are available to address their identified needs and wishes. Linkages to services may include non-medical in-home services, non-institutional respite, ancillary services and other services.

AREA HOME CARE/COMPANION/SOCIAL ADULT CARE PROVIDERS

Contracted with Greene County DHS

ANY-TIME HOME CARE

160 Fairview Avenue
Suite 206
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-0183

HEARTHSTONE CARE

1187 Route 23A
Catskill, NY 12414
(518) 678-2030

UNLIMITED CARE, INC.

160 Fairview Avenue, #236
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-7001

VISITING NURSES HOME CARE

159 Jefferson Heights, Suite 302
Catskill, NY 12414
(518) 943-2270

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HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HIICAP)

HIICAP is available to Greene County residents with Medicare as their health insurance. New York State certified counselors provide information to help you make informed decisions regarding health insurance related issues.

How can the counselor help me?

Counseling focuses on your specific situation during a one-on-one confidential session.

Here are some examples of the services they offer:

- Interpret Medicare Part A, B, C and D and explain benefits.
- Assist with Medicare reviews and/or appeals process.
- Explain the Medicare Savings Program and Extra Help.
- Assist with plan enrollment.
- Help to prevent Fraud & Abuse..
- Help compare private insurance policies including HMO's, Medicare Drug Plans and Supplemental insurances.
- Provide information regarding the EPIC program (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage) and help you apply.
- Make referrals to supporting agencies, if needed.

What is the cost?

There is no charge for this service. However, contributions for receiving assistance are accepted. These funds will be used to enhance our program.



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HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*Only open during the winter heating season,
November through March*

HEAP helps low-income New Yorkers pay their energy bills. If your bills are more than you can handle and your source of heat is Electricity, Propane, Natural Gas, Wood/Wood Pellets, Oil, Kerosene, Coal, or Corn, HEAP may be able to help you.

To be eligible for HEAP, applicants must be US citizens or qualified aliens **and** meet HEAP income guidelines (see below for 2024-2025 Federal Income Guidelines and pay directly for heating costs or pay rent that includes heating costs. HEAP benefit amounts will vary depending on your household income and may be available if your heat is included in your rent. HEAP benefits will assist in paying heating bills and are not intended to be the total source of payment for winter heating expenses.

Income Eligibility Guidelines*		
HH Size	Tier I	Tier II
1	0 - 1,631	1,632 - 3,322
2	0 - 2,214	2,215 - 4,345
3	0 - 2,797	2,798 - 5,367
4	0 - 3,380	3,381 - 6,390
5	0 - 3,962	3,963 - 7,412

For larger households, please contact our office.

⇒ Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines are subject to change annually.

When applying for HEAP, applicants must provide all required documentation verifying identification of all household members, address, income, SS#, vendor relationship and vulnerability (age or disabled).

Regular HEAP benefits open in November each year with eligibility and benefits based on income, household size, the primary heating source and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older or permanently disabled. An eligible household may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year. Regular benefits for households that pay directly for heat based on actual usage are paid directly to the vendor that supplies the household's primary source of heat.

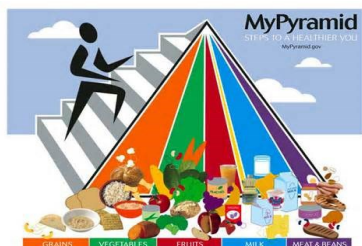
A HEAP emergency benefit component assists individuals who are facing an energy-related emergency, such as a utility termination notice or less than a quarter tank/ten-day supply of fuel. If you are eligible, a HEAP emergency benefit may be issued in addition to your regular HEAP benefit, if the regular benefit has been exhausted.

LEGAL SERVICES



Greene County Department of Human Services provides Legal Consultation Services for persons **age 60 and older** through a contract with a private attorney. All elderly seeking advice will be assisted in obtaining appropriate services. Should it be necessary to call upon the services of another legal services program or refer the client to the private bar, our county contracted attorney shall assist the elderly individual in establishing the relationship with the referral attorney, and shall follow-up with such attorney or the client to assure that adequate and appropriate service has been provided.

Please note that the attorney is available through the DHS office, by appointment only, for telephone consultations.



NUTRITION PROGRAMS

MEALS, EDUCATION, COUNSELING & SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Adequate nutrition plays a central role in keeping us healthy. Many older Americans are not eating well. Those who live alone may find cooking too much trouble. Some may have difficulty getting to the grocery store. Others simply cannot afford to buy the kinds of food that could keep them healthy.

The Greene County Department of Human Services' Aging Department provides nutritious meals for seniors **60 years of age and older**.

Home-bound clients can have their meals delivered directly to their house, if they qualify. Other area seniors who are looking for social interaction and are able to travel, can visit one of our senior service sites for a **Congregate Meal**.

The meals that we serve are designed to meet one third of the daily requirements for good health.

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Sometimes you may need meals for a short time because you just got out of a hospital and can't make meals until you recover. Or, you may need meals for a longer time because you can't do many of the things you did for yourself before. Greene County residents, age 60 and older, who can't provide meals for themselves are brought healthy, nutritious, balanced meals to their residence, up to five days a week. Up-to-date information about healthy eating, wellness and healthy habits is given out to those who get meals. Our registered dietitian can help any older person with questions about diabetes, weight loss or gain and healthy eating in private nutrition counseling.

Who is Eligible? Greene County residents, age 60 and older. A referral can be made by a senior or caregiver who feels that the meals may be beneficial to a senior. Referrals can also be made by a facility Discharge Planner.

How Do You Get Meals Started? After we take the referral, a Case Manager will contact the senior and make an appointment to conduct a home visit. As part of the visit, an assessment will be completed. The same client interview that helps find out if you are eligible for home delivered meals will show other helpful services and programs we offer for older people. Once the assessment is completed, meals may be started. If there are no openings at the time of the referral, the senior is placed on a wait list. As soon as an opening is available the assessment is completed and meals will be started.

What does it cost? There is no charge for meals but each person is given a chance to make a suggested free-will contribution. All contributions help to keep our program available and serve more people. Self-addressed, postage paid envelopes are provided for contributions.

What if I know I won't be home when my meal is delivered? Volunteers assist by delivering the meals Monday through Friday (except holidays) throughout Greene County. If you are unable to be home to receive your meal, you are required to call the office, **by 9:00 a.m. that day**, at (518)719-3555 to cancel your meal.

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CONGREGATE SERVICES:



Healthy, nutritious, balanced meals are served Monday - Friday at our five senior service centers. Transportation for those who need help getting to a meal location may be available on request.

OUR SENIOR SERVICE CENTERS

Greene County Department of Human Services' operates the Rivertown Senior Center in Athens, as well as four senior service centers, throughout the county:

Rivertown Senior Center
39 Second Street, Athens
(518) 945-2700

Acra Senior Nutrition Site
Old Route 23, Acra
(518) 622-9898

Catskill Senior Nutrition Site
Robert C Antonelli Senior Center
15 Academy Street, Catskill
(518) 943-1343

Coxsackie Senior Nutrition Site
Town of Coxsackie Senior Center
127 Mansion Street, Coxsackie
(518) 731-8901

Jewett Senior Nutrition Site
Jewett Municipal Building
3547 Route 23C, Jewett
(518) 263-4392

MEALS

Each meal site serves a hot noon-time meal, Monday - Friday, that follows NYS Dietary guidelines and includes:

Hot Entrée (*Meat or alternative*) Fruit & Vegetable Dairy (*Low-fat Milk*) Grain Dessert
We ask that you call at least one day ahead to reserve if you wish to be included in the lunch count.

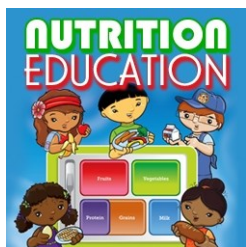
A suggested contribution is asked for each meal; however no one shall be denied due to the inability or unwillingness to contribute. On first visit, we ask to complete a registration with information beneficial in the event you experience an emergency while at the center. Federal, state and local funding is used to help pay for the meal program. In turn, we are asked to collect certain information when registering for meals, **FOR STATISTIC PURPOSES ONLY**, which will only improve services offered and has nothing to do with the level of services you receive. However lack of responses could affect funding sources.

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NUTRITION EDUCATION, COUNSELING & SPECIAL EVENTS

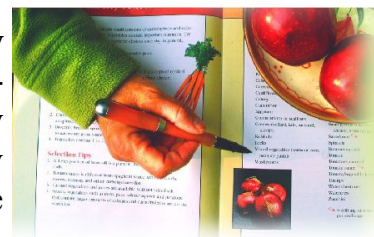
In addition to meals, the nutrition department sponsors nutrition education and counseling with our Registered Dietitian, as well special events and presentations.



This education program provides up-to-date information about healthy foods, balanced diets and recipes, and is conducted by our Registered Dietitian.

NUTRITION COUNSELING

Our Registered Dietitian offers nutrition counseling about healthy eating, wellness and healthy habits to those with questions about nutrition; special diets such as for Diabetics; weight control and healthy eating. You don't need to get meals to meet with the dietitian as any senior wishing information is encouraged to call and ask for the registered dietitian



FARMERS MARKET CHECKS

Each summer (July/August), the New York State Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) provides a booklet containing twenty-five dollars (5/\$5) worth of checks to low-income Greene County senior citizens through the Senior Nutrition Program. They can be redeemed at any **NYS Participating** Farmers Market. To receive a booklet, applicants must certify to meeting eligibility. .



SPECIAL EVENTS

At times, we may host special programs at our locations. These will include driver safety, flu clinics, health and wellness, and informational sessions on topics relevant to seniors.



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TRANSPORTATION

SHOPPING BUS



The Greene County Department of Human Services offers a shopping bus to Greene County residents age 60 or older. Our friendly driver will **pick up seniors at their door**, bring them to an area store for shopping, and then take them to a local Senior Service Center for lunch, if desired, before returning home. Trips are limited to 16 people; first come, first served.

Wheelchair accessible. LIMIT: Two shopping bags per person. We ask that you call at least one (1) business day in advance to reserve a seat by calling 518-719-3568

ROUTES:

MONDAY: Mountaintop
(Prattsville, Ashland, Windham, Jewett, Halcott, Lexington & Hunter)

TUESDAY: Greenville/Durham/Cairo/Leeds

WEDNESDAY: New Baltimore/Coxsackie/Athens/Catskill

NOTE:

The shopping bus does not run on the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Presidents' Day	Memorial Day
Independence Day	Columbus Day	Election Day (November)	
Veterans Day	Thanksgiving	Christmas	

NUTRITION TRANSPORTATION:

Our Department chauffeur will transport seniors, without a means of personal transportation, to a Nutrition site to enjoy the noontime meal. This service is only available to seniors who reside within specific Catskill and Athens areas



HOMEBOUND MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION



Greene County Department of Human Services provides Medical Transportation, courtesy of a volunteer driver, to Greene County residents age 60 or older who do not have any other available options for transportation to medical appointments. This service is available to medical facilities located in Greene County, as well as Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Schoharie and Ulster.

Appointments must be scheduled for Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m.

We require clients to call our office at least two weeks prior to the appointment so that we can schedule the transportation with a driver.

We are unable to transport clients covered by Medicaid. If covered by Medicaid & in need of transportation to a medical appointment, please call 855-360-3545. All medical transportation for clients will be **restricted to four (4) times a month**.

During inclement weather or other emergencies when the Department closes the senior nutrition sites, medical transportation can be affected. Drivers and clients are asked to call the

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GREENE COUNTY TRANSIT

The Greene County Transit, (GCT), system offers safe, affordable, reliable public transportation services throughout Greene County. GCT is very pleased to be able to provide daily service, Monday through Friday, to the towns of Athens, Cairo, Catskill, Coxsackie, Greenville, and weekly service to Hunter and Windham.

County residents who are 60 years or older can register to ride GCT, fully subsidized. To register for a senior coupon book:

1) Contact the Greene County Department of Human Services at 518-719-3555

Or

2) Ride the bus, paying for the fare, and ask the driver for a registration form. You can either return the completed form to the driver or return directly to DHS.

- Coupons will bear rider's name and are non-transferrable.
- If you are riding the Catskill shuttle, it is just one (1) coupon to ride all day long.
- If you are riding one of the routes, it is just one (1) coupon, **each way**, and you will get a free shuttle pass to use.
- Books are replaced automatically. The Department will know when to issue a replacement.



**AmeriCorps
Seniors**

Volunteer Services

Americans, aged 55+, have a lifetime of experience to share and the desire to make a real difference in their world. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers make a contribution that suits their talents, interests and availability. Some serve in teams while others go it alone. Everyone has unique gifts to share and our volunteers make significant contributions by putting their best talents to work. The high number of senior volunteers and their level of commitment make them an essential resource in meeting critical community needs.

When you volunteer, you're not just helping others - you're helping yourself. Volunteering leads to new discoveries and new friends. Plus, studies have shown that volunteering helps you live longer and promotes a positive outlook on life, and is particularly beneficial to the health of older adults serving 100 hours annually. Studies show that volunteering leads to lower rates of depression in individuals 65 and older. Helping others makes people healthier and happier. Of course, please note, we welcome volunteers of any age!

The Department of Human Services sponsors Greene County's AmeriCorps Seniors and is always looking for new volunteers. Giving of your time to help others is extremely satisfying as you play a vital role in our area communities.

AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers must be 55 years of age or older and willing to serve on a regular basis. They can choose how, where, and when they want to serve, with time commitments starting from as little as an hour a week. As a volunteer, you will receive pre-service orientation and training for your volunteer station. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers can be reimbursed for mileage expenses incurred.

Through the Department of Human Services, AmeriCorps Seniors offers the following volunteer opportunities:

HOMEBOUND MEAL DELIVERY

HOMEBOUND TRANSPORTATION DRIVER

CONGREGATE MEAL SITE VOLUNTEER

Rivertown Thrift Shop

Area Crafters' Groups

Senior Telephone Reassurance

Aging Advisory or Youth Advisory Board.

We also have volunteer opportunities in the community with:

AARP

Community Action

Heermance Library

Greene Meadows Nursing Home

If you think you may be interested in becoming a volunteer, take the next step. Our registration form is on the department's web site under Volunteer Services/Forms. Please complete it & return to our mailing address or email address. Once we have received your application, it will be reviewed and a background check will be completed. Shortly thereafter, you will be notified of the decision to accept you as a volunteer for AmeriCorps Seniors.

Questions??? Call Ruth at 518-719-3555 for the answers.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL
TO THE
GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING**

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Greene County Department of Human Services' Aging Division in their efforts to serve the county's elderly residents. More specifically the Council will advise the Department to:

- a) Develop and administer the service plan;
- b) Conduct public hearings;
- c) Represent the interest of older person; and
- d) Review and comment on all community policies, programs and actions which affect older persons.

The Advisory Council shall be comprised of not fewer than 15 members with at least 50% over 60 years of age and residents of Greene County, including a citizen representative from each county district, older individuals with the greatest economic and social need, older minority individuals, and participants of services offered by the Greene County Department of Human Services. Other members shall be representatives of agencies serving the elderly and the County Legislative Chair of County Services. Representatives of agencies providing contracted services to the Department may not be members of the council but may attend meetings.

Members shall be appointed for a one year term by the Greene County Legislature. Appointments shall maintain the majority of elderly members while striving for representation from the community and area service providers.





GREENE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES
CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY

For services under the Older Americans Act and in Community Services for the Elderly and Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly projects which propose contributions, such contributions must be used for costs allowable under applicable regulations and incurred during the budget period that contributions were received. The suggested contributions will not be more than the actual cost of the service.

There are qualifications for some of our programs. Aging services users have the right to make confidential contributions to the costs of the service so that programs may be expanded. The purpose is to offer participants the opportunity to contribute and to increase the units of services, particularly to those in greatest need. Envelopes are provided to participants that desire to make voluntary and confidential contributions. Remember to make checks payable to Greene County Department of Human Services & note in memo the service.

Services will not be denied to anyone unable or unwilling to make a contribution.

CONSULTATION and ASSISTANCE: This includes such client assistance activities as case assistance, Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP), help with public benefit applications, etc. The suggested level of contribution is \$5.00 per office visit

IN-HOME SERVICES: This is discussed with the client by the case manager at the time of assessment. The suggested level of contribution is \$3.00 per hour .

In-home Contact & Support: Suggested level of contribution is \$1.00 per visit

LEGAL SERVICES: The suggested level of contribution is \$10.00 per attorney consultation

NUTRITION:

Home Delivered Meals, Senior Congregate Dining, or Mom’s Meals:

The suggested level of contribution is \$4.00 .

Nutrition Counseling: Clients requesting diet counseling from the Registered Dietitian are provided with an opportunity to contribute. The suggested level of contribution is \$5.00

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION:

The suggested contribution for this service is a sliding scale based on mileage

0 – 10 miles	\$3.00 round-trip
11 – 20 miles	\$5.00 round-trip
21 – 40 miles	\$9.00 round-trip
41+ miles	\$15.00 round-trip

ADULT DAY CARE SERVICES: The suggested level of contribution is \$30.00 per day

Youth Services

GREENE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

PRE-PINS PROGRAM

**GREENE COUNTY
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

GRANTS FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS



WHAT IS THE GREENE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU?



The Youth Bureau operates under the Greene County Department of Human Services to fund and assist in both the development and implementation of programs and services for young people. The staff is available to not only work directly with youth and issues, but also work with citizen groups and organizations for youth. The program is made possible through funds from the NY State Office of Children and Family Services and the generous support of the Greene County Legislature. By assisting in development & funding of programs, we encourage youth to become involved, develop a sense of responsibility, and make a positive contribution to their communities.

WHAT DOES THE YOUTH BUREAU DO?

- **MONITORS:** Funded agencies & Municipal Recreation Programs .
- **ADVOCATES:** For Youth Services in Greene County.
- **CONDUCTS:** Ongoing research to determine the changing needs of our youth.
- **DEVELOPS:** A comprehensive plan for Greene County youth services.
- **NETWORKS:** With youth serving agencies to improve the quality of services provided.
- **RECOMMENDS:** Allocations of funds for Youth Development and Youth Sports Education within Greene County.

HOW DOES THE YOUTH BUREAU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY?

The Youth Bureau assists in developing and funding programs which encourage youth to become involved, develop a sense of responsibility, and make a positive contribution to their community. Throughout Greene County, there are numerous individual cultural and recreational opportunities that build character and encourage physical, emotional and intellectual growth.

Direct Services Available

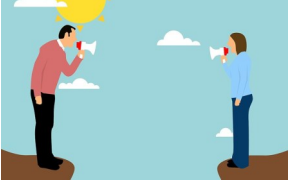
Pre-PINS Program Youth Advocacy Youth Program Grants*
Greene County Youth Fair Liaison Greene County Youth Awards Recognition

⇒ YOUTH PROGRAMS' GRANTS

⇒ Applications for the Greene County Youth Bureau Funding for programs benefitting Greene County youth sponsored by a 501(c)(3) are accepted annually. Non-profit tax-exempt charitable organizations per IRS) are considered. Further information can be found at:

<http://greenegovernment.com/departments/human-services/youth-resources>

PRE-PINS PROGRAM



Ask any parent in the state of New York and they will tell you that being a parent is no easy task. Most parents encounter the usual amount of disobedience from their children with situations such as refusing to clean their room and talking back to a parent. But when this disobedient behavior escalates to skipping school or leaving home repeatedly without parental consent, families can feel overwhelmed and are in need of support. These youth have committed no crime and their behavior may be more indicative of harm they have or are suffering from. Most youth and their families will thrive successfully with community-based services, supports and opportunities.

Pre-PINS

This is a voluntary assessment of behaviors, consequences, goals and options. Working with the family this program will help you develop a plan that will prevent you from entering the Diversion Program at Greene County Department of Social Services.

PINS Diversion

This is also a voluntary process similar in scope to Pre-PINS, This is done by a Case Worker from the Greene County Department of Social Services.

PINS Petition

This is a document that brings the PINS behavioral issues to Family Court. This is an action of last resort. All voluntary efforts have failed and /or the safety of the child or others is in question. You no longer get to decide - a judge does. Parents, Guardians, Schools, Law Enforcement may make a referral to this program. A meeting will be scheduled with the parent, child and referral source to address the issues at hand. You must first complete the Pre-PINS process with the Youth Bureau before PINS Diversion or a PINS Petition is acted upon.

If a petition is filed with the court, your involvement is no longer voluntary. All decisions are made by Family Court. Your child may be placed on Probation for 1 year with mandatory conditions imposed on **both** the **parent/guardian** and the **child**. Your child may be taken away from you and placed in a foster home or facility. During this time you will be expected to pay child support to the county. The Court may determine that the parent/guardian is neglectful and will hold them accountable for their actions as well as inactions.

Parents/Guardians will be a part of the effort to identify their child's needs and work toward securing the necessary preventive services and behavioral changes needed for a successful outcome. Probation coordinates the process and addresses all matters where the voluntary resources have been tried and been unsuccessful.

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NYS QUALITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING

NYS, together with the Greene County Youth Bureau, encourages a wide variety of youth programs including, but not limited to, the following: Community and Citizenship, Physical, Mental and Emotional Health, Education (“out-of-school time” programming to support educational engagement like drop-out prevention services, etc.) and Family

Programs eligible for funding must serve youth within a specific age based on funding avenue.; provide community-level services designed to promote positive youth development; have a non-discrimination policy; collect demographic data, and demonstrate competency in monitoring and evaluation. Sports programs eligible for funding must have a child protection policy in place that includes adherence to all child protection guidelines.

There are 3 distinct avenues of funding: Youth Development Programs, Youth Sports & Education Funding, and Youth Team Sports Allocation Funding.

Youth Development Programs (YDP) – Programs that provide opportunities for youth to gain important life skills and allow youth to have roles in communities.

Youth Sports & Education (YSEF) - Programs that provide a variety of sports for youth and includes organized activities with movement, including physical fitness activities.

Youth Team Sports Allocation (YTS) - Support youth team sports programs. Unlike YSEF, YTS has a sole focus on team sports, defined as an organized physical activity in which groups of two or more individuals are in competition with two or more opposing individuals.

Through the years, the following Youth Programs received grants:



Athens Cultural Art Center

Boundless Arts

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Cus D’Amato KO Youth Boxing

Durham Summer Recreation

Exit 21 Youth Basketball

Cairo Summer Recreation

Coxsackie-Athens Little League

Girl Scouts NENY

Greene County Outlaws

Greene County YMCA

Greene County Flag Football

Greene County Pre-PINS

Greene County Youth Awards

Greenville Library Young Readers

Greene County Pop Warner Cheerleaders

Greenville Soccer Club



Northern Catskill Youth Organization (RVW Soccer)

Prattsville Art Project



WHAT IS THE GREENE COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD?



The purpose of the Advisory Board is to develop and recommend policy and procedures that guide the activities of the Youth Bureau in providing opportunities that improve the lives of youth in Greene County. The Board is policy making and responsible for direction of the Youth Bureau.

The Board shall be compromised of not fewer than 13 members and no more than 20 members who are residents of Greene County. Members must be at least 16 years of age at date of appointment. The combined membership represents residents of the various towns in Greene County, agencies serving youth, and youth receiving services.

Potential members should have qualities that enable them to function effectively. They should be able to recognize the needs of youth in the community and take an active role in working toward building a continuum care system. Important personal qualifications include leadership, ability to positively interact with others, commitment to representing the interests of youth, and a willingness to devote time and effort to the board's goals.

Official appointment is made by the Greene County Legislature. If you are interested in joining the Greene County Youth Advisory Board, please contact our office for application.

The Greene County Department of Human Services consists of employees and numerous volunteers providing services from five senior service centers and the Department's main office.

The main office is open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, though staff are unavailable between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. As agency staff specialize in a variety of subjects, it is recommended that you call the main office to schedule an appointment to discuss services available. Walk-ins are always welcome but will be seen only if we are able to accommodate at the time. For individuals with disabilities or language interpretation needs, requests for reasonable accommodations should be made within at least five days notice.

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