

THE PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

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TODAY'S YOUTH
TOMORROW'S LEADERS

PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

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The graphic features a large yellow triangle with a blue border. Inside the triangle, the letters "PCYB" are written in a stylized font. Above the triangle is a sun, and below it is a globe. The text "TODAY'S YOUTH" is on the top left, "TOMORROW'S LEADERS" is on the bottom right, and "PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU" is at the bottom. Two stylized human figures, one black and one red, are shown climbing a green hill towards a star. The background consists of blue and green wavy lines.

THE PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

The Youth Bureau is responsible for developing and implementing the comprehensive plan for youth services in Putnam County.



SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

- ☆ Information
- ☆ Education and Training
- ☆ Referrals
- ☆ Coordination of Services
- ☆ Advocacy for Youth and Families

Call 225-6316 for information on any of these services.

SERVICES TO SCHOOLS, RECREATION DEPARTMENTS, COMMUNITY AGENCIES and COMMUNITY GROUPS

- ☆ Comprehensive Planning for Youth Services
- ☆ Prevention Programs
- ☆ Speakers Bureau
- ☆ Assistance in Grant Writing and Program Development
- ☆ Referrals to the entire network of youth services in Putnam County

PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH BOARD

The Youth Board is an advisory board comprised of volunteer adults and youth. The Board meets regularly to discuss the needs of youth, assist with program ideas and review funding. The Youth Board is always interested in new members.

Youth Board membership and services provided by the Putnam County Youth Bureau shall not be denied to anyone based on race, color, creed, sex, disability, national origin or religion.



PUTNAM COUNTY
YOUTH BUREAU PROGRAMS

Coordinated Youth and Family Services
225-6316

Provides assessment, referrals and coordination of services for children, youth and families and advocates for increased family involvement in developing service plans based on family strengths.

Pegasus
225-6316 x1126

A free and confidential program for children, teens and families whose lives have been impacted by alcohol and/or other drug dependencies. Pegasus offers children a safe place to share their experiences, feelings and learn the skills necessary to cope.



Reality Check
225-6316 x1123

A statewide initiative where youth work to spread the word that Big Tobacco is targeting them. Big events, concerts, free stuff all planned and chosen by youth.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Services Coordination
225-6316 x1116

Assists the Youth Bureau in developing and implementing the county plan to coordinate and improve services to runaway and homeless youth and their families.

Summer Leadership Institute
225-6316 x1120

This program runs for five weeks in the summer on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 12 to 18 year old students. SLI provides youth the opportunity to improve their leadership skills while having fun!

Teens & Kidz Mentoring Program
225-6316 x1124

Children are matched with adolescent mentors for socialization, recreation, homework assistance, personal growth and skills development.

Youth Awards
225-6316 x1113

Annual recognition and celebration of outstanding youth volunteers of Putnam County.

Youth Council
225-6316 x1121

Opportunity for Putnam County teens to identify and plan innovative community service projects. Regular meetings are held focused on leadership skills and group planning.

Youth Court
225-6316 x1122

Youth Court members are trained and gain experience in the legal system. In a court room, they will then preside over actual cases of first time offenders under the age of 16.



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PUTNAM COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU
SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

Arbor House 278-4486
24 hour hotline 279-2588

Services for youth and their families in resolving problems within the home including crisis intervention, individual and family counseling and temporary shelter in safe house/host homes.

Community Outreach Center 279-1467

Located on East Main Street, Brewster — open after school, offering a variety of games and homework assistance in a safe setting.

**Cornell Cooperative Extension in
partnership with the Youth Bureau**

Youth Forum 225-6316 or 278-6738

Annual conference for high school students planned and run by high school students.

**Putnam Family and Community Services in
partnership with the Youth Bureau**

Parents Who Care 225-2700

Parenting program which helps families with teens grow up healthy and avoid the risks of drugs, alcohol, violence or other problems.



**In addition Putnam
Family and Community
Services provides Family
Support and Advocacy
225-8995**

Family Connections is a support group for parents and caregivers of children and teens facing today's challenges. Common Sense Parenting is an educational skills course to establish better communication between parents and children. The children meet separately for socialization.

**Putnam Family and Community
Services—Student Assistance
Program 225-2700**

Student assistance counselors provide substance abuse prevention services in local high schools and coordinate efforts of the county's education, mental health and youth services system in identifying and assisting at-risk youth.

Student Advocacy

Helpline (914) 347-3313

Administration (914) 347-7039

Ensures that all youth receive the educational services guaranteed by law by offering direct case advocacy, information and technical assistance to youth who are at-risk of educational failure to school drop out.

**Underage Drinking
Prevention Coalition
225-6316 or 225-4646**



Partnership with the National Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Dependencies. This Coalition meets monthly to implement and evaluate best and most promising practices to increase the enforcement of underage drinking laws; to prevent and reduce underage drinking; to educate parents, youth and the general public about its negative health effects; and to engage community partners in the effort to combat underage drinking.

The Youth Bureau is funded by the County of Putnam and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.