



OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES

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Director's Corner

Substance Abuse

Alcohol and drug abuse problems attack families by hurting relationships. When a family member starts abusing alcohol or other drugs, their ability to function as a parent, spouse, student, or worker is compromised. When a child is affected by alcohol and drug abuse, parents and caretakers are particularly frightened. In many cases, parents will describe living with a child they hardly recognize. Office of Youth Services (OYS) staff receive extensive education and training in the field of substance abuse prevention and intervention. OYS understands that families are at a true disadvantage when it comes to addressing alcohol and drug abuse issues simply because the impact of substance abuse is so significant to young people. Further, treatment and prevention resources are limited for families who find themselves attempting to address this issue.

Because alcohol and drug use impact young people so significantly, the tools that families use to regulate and guide appropriate behavior are often ineffective. They are replaced by useless worry and unproductive arguing. Young people will begin lying, stealing, and exhibiting aggressive behavior; they begin to appear listless and resigned. All the while, family, school, community, and true friends become more distant to youth entangled in substance abuse. This time of year, unfortunately, many family memories are marred by incidents that involve the abuse of alcohol and other drugs. At the end of many of these memories, families often feel hopeless.

At OYS, we take alcoholism and drug addiction seriously. We offer free evaluation for substance abuse to any Manchester youth. Our expert staff will help families understand the difference between 'being a teenager' and being a person who has or is at high risk for becoming an alcoholic or drug addict. Each year we provide Alcohol and Drug Specific intervention, education, crisis management, and evaluation services to thousands of youth in Manchester. Each time we work with a young person or their family, we offer expert guidance to enable a healing process for these families. We work diligently to help repair the relationships for all kinds of young people in all kinds of families. When we see a young person escape the trappings of alcoholism and addiction, we know we have provided a valuable gift to that young person, that family, and our community.

If you have any questions about Alcohol and Drug Services at OYS, please call (603) 665-6600 or email mboldin@manchesternh.gov.

Happy New Year!

-Marty Boldin

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Spotlight on Staff: Jon Donovan



Jon Donovan is a long time youth services counselor here at the Office of Youth Services. He has been with OYS for 23 years. His main hobbies are playing guitar and listening to Elvis.

For Young People: De-escalation

For Young People will be airing this month on MCTV Channel 22. The shows featured this month will be centered around violence de-escalation, alcohol abuse, and winter homelessness. If you missed out on past shows, check them out on Youtube.



Substance Abuse Hotline

Are you a parent concerned your child may be using drugs? Do you wonder what the symptoms of substance abuse are? Are you a teenager who is considering using drugs? All of your questions can be answered via our Substance Abuse Information Hotline, a free, confidential service, answered by live counselors, available 24/7, **(603) 665-6600**

Contact Us!

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Our Mission:

The City of Manchester Office of Youth Services helps all young people by providing effective solutions to a variety of challenges encountered by youth and their families.

By offering a supportive environment for young people to address issues like alcohol and drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, truancy, and problems at home, the City of Manchester Office of Youth Services helps disconnected youth.

Likewise, the City of Manchester Office of Youth Services also provides significant resources to young people who are catalysts for positive change in the community.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—5:00 pm
Evening hours available by appointment.

Contact Us:

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November 3rd is Election Day! Don't forget to get out to the polls and make your vote count. The City of Manchester will have a poll station set up at every ward throughout the city. If you need to register to vote, or request an absentee ballot, please check the Manchester City Clerk's department website located at <http://www.manchesternh.gov/cityclerk>

African/Caribbean Celebration

When: Saturday, August 22
Time: 11am-6pm
Where: Veterans Memorial Park
More Info:

www.ujimacollective.org

ujima@netzero.com

(603) 627-4631

People Fest

When: Saturday, August 29
Time: 10am-6pm
Where: Veterans Memorial Park
More Info:

www.peoplefestnh.org

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(603) 669-6253

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When: Sept. 18th-19th 11am-10pm Sept. 20th, 12 noon-5pm

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