



# Director's Corner

City of Manchester, New Hampshire

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## March Activity Corner



### OPENING HEARTS N' HOMES

By opening your heart and home, you have the power to change the life of a child. Come join the NH Foster and Adoptive Parent Association and listen to inspirational stories from seasoned Foster and Adoptive Parents. Have your questions answered about becoming licensed and foster parenting.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 15th  
 WHERE: Wesley United Methodist Church 79 Clinton St. Concord NH  
 TIME: 6:30pm - 8pm

For more information visit <http://www.nhfapa.org>

## Youthful Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse – The Real Consequences

Youthful Alcohol and other drug abuse is a consistent topic of concern that garners significant coverage in official reports and newspaper headlines. Many of us have heard facts about alcohol and other drug abuse so often that we become numb to data that says 25% of high school students binge drink or smoke marijuana once a month. The stories of drug deals, overdoses, underage drinking parties, and alcohol-induced motor vehicle accidents come to us in such a constant barrage, that it is all too easy to lose the forest for the trees. One in four youth abuses alcohol and cannabis at least once a month in our community. That may not seem significant to some, but to those of us who work with youth, these numbers represent young people we know who suffer from the real consequences of alcohol and other drug abuse everyday.

Because of media's fascination with the most provocative and tragic outcomes from substance abuse, many of us are blind to the very real and everyday pain that a person experiences when they have an alcohol or drug problem. Percentagewise, the numbers of young people who are physically addicted to alcohol or other drugs are not nearly as high as the one in four who regularly abuses alcohol and other drugs. The number of youth arrested or ending up in newspaper headlines because of alcohol and drugs is but a fraction of the youth with problems who populate our schools, our neighborhoods, and our homes.

Having a substance abuse problem is less about what is used, how often use occurs, or how much is used than we might think. At its essence, alcohol and drug abuse is about what happens to the person when they are abusing alcohol and other drugs. Relationships are the most consistent and significant casualty of alcohol and drug abuse.

The more people use, the more time they spend with people that abuse alcohol and other drugs. The more people use, the less time they spend with friends, family members, co-workers, and students that do not abuse alcohol and other drugs. Sometimes young people who are experiencing problems with alcohol and drugs want to stop or want help or want to try to turn things around. Yet the neglect and damage done to healthy relationships stymies their ability to connect with positive people and pro-social experiences. As the cycle of alcohol and drug abuse spirals down, young people will tell us that they often feel completely alone, even when they are in a room full of people. Regularly, parents will tell us that they don't know who their children are anymore.

At OYS, we are dedicated to helping these young people and their families with all of the issues related to alcohol and other drug abuse. We are experienced in helping families start to repair those relationships. If you are or know someone who has trouble with alcohol or other drugs you can always call OYS (624-6470). We are here to help. No one should have to be alone with alcohol or drug abuse in our community

**-Marty Boldin**

### In the digital version

- Calendar of Events
- 2011 St. Patrick's Parade
- Community Friends
- Free and Local Manchester Programs.

## Manchester Crimeline

Manchester Crimeline provides a telephone number and the ability to submit Web Tips to encourage citizens in the community to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies to fight against crime.

**ALL CALLERS REMAIN ANONYMOUS!** (603)-624-4040 <http://manchestercrimeline.org/>

## Contact Us!

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# Community Calendar

## 2011 St. Patrick's Parade

Sunday, March 27 Noon, 2011  
Elm St. Manchester NH

## Dr. Seuss Birthday Party

March 5, 2 p.m. Manchester City Library, Winchell Room – crafts, music, reading, refreshments with The Cat in the Hat. No charge, but please register with Beverly Perreault, 624-6550 x 328

## Animal Feeding

Sunday, March 13, 2011, 11:30am – 1pm  
Massabesic Audubon Center  
26 Audubon Way Auburn, NH

Come watch our ball pythons eat lunch! Learn about these incredible animals and even get to touch them.

## The Current Financial Crisis

Monday, March 21, 2011, 6 – 7:30pm  
New Hampshire Institute of Politics Saint Anselm College  
100 Saint Anselm Drive Manchester, NH

Financial expert and 2010 congressional candidate Bob Bestani will discuss the financial meltdown of 2008 and the ongoing confusion surrounding the causes of the crisis, which has resulted in the deepest and longest lasting economic downturn since the Great Depression.

## Contra Dance with Dudley Laufman

Friday, March 25, 2011, 7:30 – 10:30pm  
YWCA New Hampshire  
72 Concord Street Manchester, NH

Renowned contra and barn dance caller and musician who in 2009, was made a National Heritage Fellow, a lifetime honor presented to master folk and traditional artists by the National Endowment for the Arts.

## Community Friends



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NH Foster & Adoptive  
Parent Association

**LifeShare**  
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**MEDIA**  
POWER  
**YOUTH**



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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.

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