



City of Manchester, New Hampshire

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Spotlight on Staff: Mario Pena



Mario Pena is one of OYS' youthreach workers, who specializes in counseling kids in the community. He particularly works with kids who are absent or tardy from school. On the side he helps out with the Salvation Army's Kid's Café, and Teen Night programs.

For Young People



Airing April 5th on MCTV and YouTube is a new episode For Young People on a look at the new Boys and Girls Club of Manchester facility.

Manchester Initiative: Blue Print for Violence Prevention

Violence prevention and its connection to improving community well-being has been identified as a priority in Manchester. The City's Weed and Seed strategy is a national, community-based model developed by the U.S. Department of Justice that aims to "weed out" crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in designated neighborhoods while "seeding in" community involvement and needed services. Manchester received its official recognition as a Weed & Seed site in 2001 and joined over 400 active and graduated sister communities from across the country in targeted neighborhood improvement efforts. Manchester's strategy is generously supported by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Weed and Seed Steering Committee will be meeting on April 21, 2010 and would like to invite community organizations, educators, residents and health care providers, beyond its current membership, to participate in a collaborative discussion on how best to address this growing need in Manchester. Leaders from various sectors - health care, schools, businesses, and Manchester neighborhoods - will be invited to join with their peers to discuss the current resources available, as well as future recommendations for violence prevention. This will be the first step in creating a local "blueprint" for violence prevention, usable by all facets of the community.

If you are interested in being a part of this initiative and would like to join this initiative, please plan to attend this meeting on April 21, 2010, 10-11:30 am at the Officer Michael Briggs/Police Athletic League Community Center (<http://www.manchesterpal.org>), 409 Beech Street (the parking lot is across the street from the community center on the corner of Beech St./Lake Ave.).

Opening remarks will be provided by the Honorable Mayor Ted Gatsas. This will be a working meeting, in which there will be a breakout session to meet with your peers to discuss your role in violence prevention and how it relates to improving community safety and well-being. Please RSVP to Shell McCorkle, Weed and Seed Coordinator at mmccorkle@manchesternh.gov or by calling 603-628-6003 x468 **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 16th**. Please also indicate which of the following sector workgroups that you would like to participate in:

- Residents & Neighborhoods
- Health Care & Social Services
- Schools & Youth
- Local Businesses & Worksites

Thank you for your commitment to the City of Manchester and the health and safety of its residents.

-Marty Boldin

Substance Abuse Hotline

Are you a parent concerned your child may be using drugs? Are you a teenager who is considering using drugs? All of your questions can be answered via our Substance Abuse Information Hotline **(603) 665-6600**

Contact Us!

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Meet the OYS Staff

Marty Boldin, Director
Carlos Agudelo, Youth Services Counselor
Greg Bolduc, Juvenile Firesetter Program
Judy Cooper, Substance Abuse Evaluator
Dan Daigle, Juvenile Firesetter Program
Jon Donovan, Youth Services Counselor
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Peter Lennon, Juvenile Firesetter Program
Karen Lord, Youth Services Counselor
Andrew Messinger, Americorps VISTA
Andrew Quigley, NH National Guard Counter Drug Liaison
Mario Pena, Youth Services Counselor
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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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