

Why Do Some Kids Grow Up With Ease, While Others Struggle?

Why do some kids get involved in dangerous activities, while others spend their time contributing to society? Why do some youth "beat the odds" in difficult situations, while others get trapped?

Many factors influence why some young people have successes in life and why others have a harder time. Economic circumstances, genetics, trauma, and many other factors play a role. But these factors, which seem difficult, if not impossible, to change-aren't all that matters. Research by Search Institute has identified 40 concrete, positive experiences and qualities-"developmental assets"-that have a tremendous influence on young people's lives. And they are things that people from all walks of life can help to nurture.

Listed below are the *40 developmental assets* that youth need to grow up to be competent, caring and healthy. Helping youth to develop these assets depends primarily on individuals - parents, grandparents, teachers, neighbors and many others - building positive relationships with children and teenagers. Nearly all children and adolescents need more developmental assets than they now have. While it is crucial to pay special attention to those children who have the least economically and emotionally, the challenge is to reclaim the kind of *community-wide attention to positive development* that will impact all young people.

External Assets

1. Family Support
2. Positive Family Communication
3. Other Adult Relationships
4. Caring Neighborhood
5. Caring School Environment
6. Parent Involvement in Schooling
7. Community Values Youth
8. Youth as Resources
9. Service to Others
10. Safety
11. Family Boundaries
12. School Boundaries
13. Neighborhood Boundaries
14. Adult Role Models
15. Positive Peer Influence
16. High Expectations
17. Creative Activities
18. Youth Programs
19. Religious Community
20. Time at Home

Internal Assets

21. Achievement Motivation
22. School Engagement
23. Homework
24. Bonding to School
25. Reading for Pleasure
26. Caring
27. Equality and Social Justice
28. Integrity
29. Honesty
30. Responsibility
31. Restraint
32. Planning and Decision Making
33. Interpersonal Competence
34. Cultural Competence
35. Resistance Skills
36. Peaceful Conflict Resolution
37. Personal Power
38. Self-Esteem
39. Sense of Purpose
40. Positive View of Personal Future

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INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS THE YOUTH BUREAU?

Orange County Youth Bureau 615-3620
18 Seward Ave., Middletown, N.Y. 10940
E-Mail: youthbur@co.orange.ny.us
Web: www.orangecountygov.com

The Youth Bureau is a coordinating agency for youth programming as directed by the organizational guidelines set forth by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). The Youth Bureau channels OCFS funding to local municipalities and community based organizations based on the needs in the County Comprehensive Plan for Youth. A brochure, list of funded agencies, and more information can be obtained by calling the Youth Bureau office.

The Youth Bureau's mission is to promote youth development, to coordinate services for all youth in Orange County; to develop and fund local programs.

The Orange County Youth Bureau is responsible for:

Coordination of Youth Services
Information and Referral to Youth Programs
Data Collection/Youth Issues
Allocation of Funding
County Comprehensive Planning
Advocacy for Youth and Families

*** As of the Spring/Summer of 2006 the Youth Bureau will be at a new location, please call 291-2700 or check out our website at www.orangecountygov.com for more info.

Newburgh Youth Bureau 565-1213
104 S Lander St., P.O. Box 1030
Newburgh, NY 12550 **565-3230**
Fax: 565-1286

E-mail: YouthBureau@cityofNewburgh-ny.org

The Newburgh Youth Bureau determines the needs of youth in the City, inventories City youth resources capable of meeting these needs, plans and encourages the development of new services essential for meeting the needs of youth.

PURPOSE OF THIS DIRECTORY

The goal of this directory is to increase the awareness of the resources available in Orange County. This directory has been designed to assist youth and families who may need services.

QUESTIONS / PROBLEMS

If you should have a problem with any agency or can't find the type of agency you are looking for, contact the Orange County Youth Bureau at 291-2399 or e-mail us at: youthbur@co.orange.ny.us

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR DIRECTORY

Take some time and read through the directory. Become familiar with its contents. If a crisis occurs you will be better able to contact the appropriate source for help. Here are two examples of how the directory might be helpful to you in everyday life:

If a police officer stops you, you'll want to be prepared by knowing your rights and how you should conduct yourself. Not knowing this information could put you at a disadvantage. If someone you know has swallowed poison or has overdosed, time is an important factor. Being familiar with the directory, you'll know exactly where to find lifesaving phone numbers. Even if you don't have your directory handy, you will probably remember what you should do in an emergency if you have read the material.

ADOPTION SERVICES

If you or someone you know is contemplating adoption, you can call your local Department of Social Services office or you can contact some of the various agencies located throughout the county that may be of some assistance.

Adoption Group of Orange County 427-3955
PO Box 156 Chester, NY 10918

AGOC is a non-profit organization that provides support, resources, and social activities for pre and post adoptive families. Information on pre and post adoptions, parenting, and adoption related issues are available. Meetings are held monthly at the Wallkill Community Center in Middletown (except July, August and December).

Orange County Dept of Social Services 291-2800

Box Z 11 Quarry Rd Goshen, NY 10924

E-mail: jgurda@co.orange.ny.us

Services to families and single mothers contemplating giving up their child for adoption and those interested in adoption. Fee: none.

Catholic Charities 561-3452
PO Box 64-185 Liberty St. Newburgh, NY 12550

WEB: www.archny.org

Social work counseling of individuals and families under stress due to personal problems or environmental pressure. Counseling for unwed mothers and adoption services.

Fee: based on sliding scale.

ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE -THE LAW AND YOU

You have a right to advice and counseling on drug and alcohol abuse without parental consent. Certain kinds of treatment require parental consent.

Alcohol Beverage Control laws have recently changed reflecting a new emphasis in the last few years placed on alcohol and drug abuse. A large part of the legislation has focused on the problems associated with children and with driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

In New York State it is illegal for persons under 21 to either purchase alcoholic beverages or possess them. Even if you are over 21, it is illegal to have in your possession in a public place an open container of alcoholic beverages. (This includes, in most areas, motor vehicles.)

The court may suspend a person's license for ninety (90) days if the license is altered to attempt to purchase alcohol.

A person under 21 years of age may not operate a motor vehicle after having consumed alcohol (ZeroTolerance law). This is not a crime or traffic violation; it is a civil violation. If you are found guilty by a hearing officer from the Division of Motor Vehicles, the fine is \$125.00 and a license suspension for 6 months.

There are special provisions for operators under age 21. A driving while impaired or intoxicated conviction can result in the loss of your license for one year or until you are 21 years of age. If you refuse the test and are found to have refused the test by the hearing officer from the Division of Motor Vehicles, your driver's license or permit or driving privileges may be revoked for one year. If your license is revoked, you must reapply for a new driver's license.

New NYS laws give heavy penalties for drunk driving. For persons over 21 years, the first offense of DWAI (more than .05 up to .09 Blood Alcohol Content level) has a mandatory fine of at least \$250.00 and/or a 90 day suspension of your license, up to 15 days imprisonment; and a first offense of DWI (.10 and over Blood Alcohol Content level) carries a mandatory fine of at least \$350, minimum 6 month revocation of your license and up to 1 year jail sentence. The fines and time you lose your license go up if you are convicted again.

The penalty for the criminal sale of a controlled substance, where the sale takes place in or near school grounds to a person less than nineteen years old, is severe. This offense is a class B felony and carries a possible penalty of 2 to 25 years' imprisonment for a first offense.

Suggestions

When you are in places where there is drinking or substance abuse (drugs, inhalants, etc.), remember:

1. The purpose of your being with friends is togetherness, not tipsiness!
2. It is okay to say "no" if you do not want to use alcohol or other substances.
3. Mixing alcohol with substances (such as barbiturates or tranquilizers) can be extremely dangerous--sometimes it results in death.
4. Never drive or ride with someone who has been drinking or using substances.

If a friend (or you) shows signs of having a problem with drinking or drugs, do not ignore it. Talk to someone that you trust about it, such as your parents, clergy, guidance counselor, teacher or an adult friend. Encourage your friend (or yourself) to get the effective help that is now

available. Some of the services available in Orange County are:

PROGRAMS

Related Hot-Line Numbers:

E-mail: mha@mhaorangenvy.com

Help Line **1-800-832-1200**

Teen Line **1-800-832-1200**

Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Council 294-9000

224A Main St. PO Box 583 Goshen, NY 10924

E-mail: adac@adacinfo.com

Web: www.adacinfo.com

Information and referral about alcohol and substance abuse provided. Community, school, workplace prevention, training and education; public awareness; film, resource library.

The BABES Program

A 7-session alcohol and other drug prevention program designed for children enrolled in pre-school and kindergarten in Orange County. (BABES stands for Beginning Alcohol and Addictions Basic Education Studies.) Ages: 3 - 5.

Mobile Mental Health Unit 1-888-750-2266

Occupations Inc. Goshen, NY **294-2155**

Web: www.occupations.org Fax: 294-4829

Mobile Mental Health Unit operates for those who need assistance outside normal working hours. Serving children, adults and families. The hours are 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Mon-Fri. and 12 noon-10p.m. weekends.

The Alamo 651-4272

Farm Workers Center **Fax: 651-4399**

PO 607 Goshen, NY 10924

Web: www.thealamo.warwick.net

Community center for migrant farm workers. Trilingual staff. Services include: alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse prevention and education; job service; food pantry; health and dental clinic; recreation; tutoring for children; computer tutoring; self-help meetings; free English as a second language classes; transportation available to rehab and detox centers.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 534-8525

PO Box 636 Goshen, NY 10924

If you or a member of your family has an alcohol problem, call the 24-hour answering service. This number will give you information regarding places, times, etc. of AA functions. Also, always listed in the Times-Herald Record under "Bulletin Board."

Al-Anon / Alateen 294-9999

For anyone who feels his/her life is being or has been affected by someone else's drinking. Meetings held throughout the County. Call this Answering service for information.

Astor Home for Children 343-7487

10 Orchard St. Middletown, NY 10940

Three non-secure detention programs housing 28 youths, two located in Middletown and one in Poughkeepsie.

Orange County Drinking Driver Program 341-4892

Orange County Community College
115 South St. Middletown, NY 10940

E-mail: rlarkin@sunvorange.edu

Web: www.sunvorange.edu/cape

Education for convicted drinking driver evaluation and referral to rehabilitation and self-help.

Orange County Stop DWI 294-9090

P.O. Box 583 Goshen, NY 10924

E-mail: chale@dwicrashvictims.com

Web: www.orangecountystopdwi.com

Promotes training; distributes literature; provides funding for enforcement, prosecutions and treatment. Plans for use of local resources to aid drinking/driving program. "Victims Impact Panel" for presentations.

Warwick Valley Community Center 986-6422

11 Hamilton Avenue Warwick, NY 10990

Web: www.wvcenter.org

Social recreation and educational community center. Ages 2-Senior Citizens. Counseling not provided.

Newburgh Child & Family Clinic 568-5260

Orange County Dept. of Mental Health

141 Broadway Newburgh, NY 12550

Web: www.orangecountygov.org

Broad-based staff specializing in individual family and group therapy. Psychiatric evaluations.

Medication provided (when necessary) to active clients.

Pius XII – Student Assistance Services 294-3501

P.O. Box 87 Goshen, NY 10924 Fax: 294-9932

E-mail: tfogarty@piusxii.org

Prevention education in school districts. Parent and community educational presentations. Assessments of students. Resource material. Call or email for info. about contracting for services.

Pius XII Chemical Dependency Services

Outpatient treatment for alcohol and drug abusers, their families and children. Individual and group counseling. Fee: Sliding scale, Medicaid, insurance.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Clinics

21 Center St Middletown, NY 10940 **343-7675**

224 Main St Goshen, NY 10924 **294-5888**

520 Route 17M Monroe, NY 10950 **782-0295**

62 Grand St Newburgh, NY 12550 **562-8255**

17-19 Sussex St. Port Jervis, NY 12771

856-6344

8 Scofield St. Walden, NY 12586

Satellite Services **778-5628**

Pius XII Gateway Center 569-0034

46 Roe St Newburgh NY 12550 Fax: 569-0047

E-mail: cdepaolo@piusXII.org

An outreach clinic located at NFA. It provides chemical dependency treatment, assessment, early intervention, and prevention services to the students of the Newburgh Greater Enlarged School District and to their families.

Underage Drinking Hotline 866-Under-21

Enables the public to anonymously report underage sale and consumption of alcohol.

ALCOHOL DETOX PROGRAMS

Alcohol Crisis Center 343-1443

Emergency Housing Group Fax: 342-3268

38 Seward Ave. Middletown, NY 10940

Arden Hill Hospital Alcohol Detox 294-5441

4 Harriman Dr. Goshen, NY 10924 ext.4284

Cornwall Hospital Alcohol Detox 534-7711

Main St. Cornwall, NY 12518 ext.4246

Horton Family Program for Alcoholics 342-5300

Horton Hospital

420 E. Main St. Middletown, NY 10940

60 Prospect Ave. Middletown, NY 10940

Provides all phases of treatment for alcoholics, chemically dependent persons and their families and/or codependents.

New Directions 858-7234

160 E. Main St. Port Jervis, NY

Inpatient alcohol and substance abuse withdrawal management program includes a 6-bed Special Discrete Unit and a 15-bed rehab designed to offer patients a safe, confidential medical detoxification service while incorporating early rehabilitation treatment programs. Dual diagnosis unit.

St. Luke's Methadone Clinic 561-0150

70 Dubois St. Newburgh, NY 12550

RECAP Day Treatment Program 342-5380

PO Box 886 Middletown NY 10940

Fax: 342-4965

Web: www.Recap.org

E-mail: recap@recap.org

Intensive 6 hrs/day 5 day/wk alcohol and drug rehab program. Individual and group therapy, films, discussions, lectures, recreation. Fee: Medicaid, sliding scale, insurance.

Riverside House Inc. 856-9005

Support Center

181 Rt. 209 Port Jervis, NY 12771

Provides treatment for chemically dependent women and men. Some of their services include AIDS/HIV education and counseling; case management.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

The following Chambers of Commerce represent the business community:

Orange County **567-6229**

11 Racquet Rd. Newburgh, NY 12550

Fax: 567-6271

Tri-State **856-6694**

5 S Broome St. Port Jervis, NY 12771

PO Box 121 Port Jervis, NY 12771

Fax: 856-6695

Blooming Grove 496-5449
PO Box 454 Washingtonville, NY 10992
Fax: 497-7718

Goshen 294-7741
44 Park Place Goshen, NY 10926

Montgomery 457-2699
110 Bracken Rd. Walden, NY 12586
Fax: 565-6575

Warwick Valley 986-2720
PO Box 202 Warwick NY 10990

CHILD ABUSE / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(Physical / Sexual Abuse) To report a sexual assault (New York State Police) 343-1424

NY State Child Abuse and Maltreatment Registry 1-800-342-3720

Child Abuse occurs everyday in this country. Children have the right to protection from abuse and neglect. In New York State, the Child Protection Act authorizes all citizens to report suspected cases of abuse or neglect to the state's child abuse and maltreatment register. Remember "children are the future and without hope, they have no future."

Rape Line + Help Line 1-800-832-1200
Web: www.mhaorangeney.com

If you have been assaulted or raped, it is important for your protection that you receive immediate medical treatment. You could become pregnant or contract a venereal disease. Don't shower! You will literally wash away the evidence! Go immediately to your local hospital's emergency room. If you decide to prosecute the assailant, medical evidence can only be obtained at this time

Batterer's Intervention Program 565-1234
30 Harriman Dr. Goshen, NY 10924
Fax: 634-7839

E-mail: vcsendisms@aol.com
Web: www.volunteerounselingservice.org
Educational program for men who batter women in their lives. Minimum 52 week program.

Safe Homes of Orange County 562-5365
1 Roosevelt Pl. Newburgh, NY 12550
Fax: 562-2216
41 Sussex St. Port Jervis, NY 12771 856-1919

E-mail: paklucie@hvc.rr.com
The OCSHP Children's Program is designed to provide services to the children of battered women. Services and intervention are provided to teach children positive means of communication and to minimize the likelihood of the children growing up to have violent lives.

Stop Child Abuse Rage, Inc. 569-7000
261 Broadway Newburgh NY 12550
Acts as advocates for abused and neglected children.

CHILD CARE

Child Care Council of Orange County
Goshen 294-4012
Other Areas 1-800-827-1751
E-mail: info@childcarecounciloc.org
Web: www.childcarecounciloc.org
The Child Care Council of Orange County is a private, non-profit organization that functions to develop available and accessible quality child care for all children regardless of income level, or cultural back-ground. Its purpose is to expand and enhance childcare.

Cornell Cooperative Extension 344-1234
1 Ashley Ave. Community Campus
Middletown NY 10940 Fax: 343-7471
Web: www.cce.cornell.edu/orange
E-mail: orange@cornell.edu

Information on parenting programs countywide. Ask for directory of parenting programs in Orange County. Cornell Cooperative Extension center offers an array of educational as well as informational services which are open to the public. Included are a wide variety of workshops associated with parenting skills.

CHILD CARE CENTERS

Please call the Child Care Council for information about child care in your area at 294-4012 or call toll free 1-800-827-1751.

CITIZENSHIP

If you are not a U.S. citizen and would like information on becoming one, the first step is to call the Orange County Clerk's office at 291-2690. They will provide you with an application and further information.

If you are 18, a US citizen, and have been a resident of Orange County for 30 days before an election, you are entitled to vote. You must be registered before going to the polls. For more information on where and how to register, call the Orange County Board of Elections, 25 Court Lane Goshen, 291-2444.

Many young people seem to be turned off by politics and the whole political scene. You've been told it a million times; "it's a privilege to have a voice in one's government." To remain democratic, a government such as ours needs citizens (young as well as old) who are involved and who keep up on what's going on. If you don't get involved, your government will be run by others who may think a lot differently than you. Do you want them to decide things for you?

If you want information concerning your government or current legislation, to become involved in political action, or to volunteer your help for a candidate's election campaign, call the local office of your political party. Youth volunteers may join the OC Youth Leadership & Service Council- Contact the Youth Bureau, 291-2399. To find out what district your area is under, call your Town Clerk.

COUNSELING

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Help Line (24 hour) 1-800-832-1200
Adolescent Suicide/Crisis 1-800-621-4000
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK

Suicide can be prevented!

Attempting suicide is a way of asking for help. Some of the danger signs are:

1. Expressing thoughts about suicide and death.
2. Giving away possessions, making out a will.
3. Changes in sleeping patterns.
4. Changes in eating habits.
5. Changes in school or work performance.
6. Changes in social activities-being alone.
7. Changes in personality-nervousness, anxiety.
8. Abuse of alcohol/drugs-taking risks.
9. A previous suicide attempt.
10. Physical fighting with family members.

How can you help?

1. Be willing to talk openly, frankly.
2. Be willing to listen.
3. Show that you care.
4. Give assurance that help can be obtained.
5. Stay with the person.
6. Don't keep what you know a secret.
7. Let others help you help the suicidal person.

When people feel hopeless, helpless and alone they may have suicidal thoughts. Help is available from the following:

Mobile Mental Health Unit 692-0022x243
Occupations Inc. Goshen NY Fax: 294-4829
Mobile Mental Health Unit operates for those who need assistance outside normal working hours. Serving children, adults, and families. The hours are 6p.m. to 10p.m. Mon-Fri. and 12 noon to 10p.m. weekends.

PROGRAMS

Mental Health Association in OC 294-7411
20 Walker St. Goshen NY 10924
E-mail: mha@mhaorangenvy.com
Web: www.MHAorangenvy.com
Hotlines, preventive programs, social clubs, resources. Help Line is a 24-hour, 7-day a week information / referral and crisis intervention service. No fee.
Support Group for Families with Bipolar Children
566-0810 and 343-5074

Catholic Charities 561-3452
PO Box 64-185 Liberty St. Newburgh, NY 12550
Web: www.archny.org
Social work counseling of individuals and families under stress due to personal problems or environmental pressure. Counseling for unwed mothers and adoption services. Fee: Sliding scale

Children's Grieving Center 561-6111
800 Stony Brook Ct. Newburgh, NY 12550
Web: www.hospiceoforange.com
Provides a safe, neutral and private environment for grieving children and their families.

Family Empowerment Council, Inc. 344-0027
225 Dolson Ave. Suite 403 Middletown, NY 10940
Web: Familyempowerment.org Fax: 343-9906
E-mail: fec@frontiernet.net
Serves developmentally delayed individuals from infancy to adulthood. Provides service coordination and case management service. Intake application by phone. Assistance for needy through Family Support Services. Free educational advocacy services to all youth.

Arden Hill Behavioral Health Center 294-7931
Child Study Center
2001 State Rt. 17M Goshen, NY 10924

Family Counseling of Orange County Inc.
21 Grand Street Newburgh, NY 12550
562-7244

Occupations, Inc. 1-888-750-2266
Union Street Professional Building,
Middletown, NY 10940
343-5556
Fax: 341-0226

Provides outpatient mental health services, including diagnosis and treatment, psychiatric evaluation, medication (when necessary), individual, family, marital and group therapy. Bilingual services available. Fee: Medicaid, Medicare, sliding scale, insurance.

Hospice of Orange in Hudson Valley 561-6111
800 Stony Brook Court Newburgh, NY 12550
Web: www.hospiceoforange.com
Counseling and supportive care for terminally ill patients and family. Fee: Medicaid, Medicare, sliding scale, insurance.

Orange County Dept. of Mental Health
Goshen, NY 291-2600
Newburgh, NY 568-5260
Port Jervis 858-1456
Web: www.Orangecountygov.com
Counseling, support groups for families and individuals. Fee: sliding scale, Medicaid and insurance.

Dispute Resolution Center 294-8082x21
14 Scotchtown Ave. PO Box 510 Goshen, N.Y.

E-mail: info@drcservices.org
Web: www.drcservices.org

Programs include the Parent/Child Mediation Program for youth 13-18 years in conflict with their parents; the School-Based Conflict Resolution Program which trains youth kindergarten through college to mediate peer disputes; and the Court Appointed Special Assistants Program (CASA) which monitors the well-being of children removed to foster care due to abuse and/or neglect, birth to 16 years. Serves Orange, Putnam, Ulster, and Sullivan counties.

Alternatives Counseling Center 344-5549
41 Dolson Ave. Middletown, NY 10940

Serves all issues such as depression, addictions, abuse etc. in children and adolescents. For further assistance please call the number listed above.

Pastoral Counseling Center 361-2777
2139 Rt. 17K Bullville, NY 10915

Serves for all adolescent issues including: anorexia, independence control. Family therapy, group therapy, psychotherapy. Provides information/education, spiritual counseling and referral.

DISABILITIES

Action Toward Independence 343-4284
Fax: 342-6269

130 Dolson Ave. Suite 35 Middletown, NY 10940

E-mail: ati@warwick.net

ATI is a non-profit, non-residential and consumer-controlled resource, referral and advocacy agency serving individuals with disabilities.

Independent Living, Inc. 565-1162
5 Washington Ter Newburgh NY 12550

Web: www.myindependentliving.org

Serving persons of all ages having psychiatric, physical, cognitive and/or perceptual disabilities by providing: individual and systems advocacy, peer counseling, independent living skills training, self-help and services coordination.

Educational Learning Experience 341-0700
28 Ingrassia Rd. Middletown, NY 10940

Fax: 341-0788

Web: www.orangeahrc.org

Serves children 5 to 21 with multiple handicaps and mentally challenged who cannot be served by the public education system.

Heritage Riding for the Handicapped 294-9339
35 Milburn Road Goshen, NY 10924

This program offers horseback riding for the physically and mentally challenged individuals. Fee: Registration fee required.

NYS Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (914) 993-5370
Toll Free 1-866-871-3000

445 Hamilton Ave. Suite 503 White Plains, NY 10601

CBVH provides rehabilitation services to children and adults with legal blindness. Services can include low vision evaluation, orientation and

mobility, rehabilitation teaching and social case work to adjust to vision loss. Vocational rehabilitation services include counseling, vocational assessment, job placement, advocacy, and info and referral. This office is responsible for providing services in Orange County.

Infant / Toddler Learning Experience 344-2292
379 Mt. Hope Rd Middletown NY 10940

Serves children birth through 2 yrs using a transdisciplinary team teaching approach with encouraged involvement of the student's parents.

McQuade Children's Services 561-0436
Box 4064 New Windsor NY 12553

Web: www.McQuade.org

Therapeutic childcare agency servicing the emotional, social and educational needs of troubled children and their families.

Stony Ford Community Residence 692-4787
490 Stony Ford Rd Middletown NY 10941

Program offers 24 hour supervision with trained staff. Providing training and assistance to the developmentally disabled, in the activities of daily living.

Preschool Learning Experience 344-2292
379 Mt Hope Rd Middletown NY 10940

1145 Little Britain Rd. Suite 300
New Windsor, NY 12550 564-1855

Serves developmentally disabled children in Middletown and New Windsor from 2.5 to 5 yrs of age. Provides an individual education plan in the areas of self-care, fine and gross motor skills.

Putnam Independent Living Services
1961 Rt. 6 Carmel, NY 10512 888-788-6268

Fax: 228-7460

E-mail: mzvenzucla@putnamils.org

Web: www.putnamils.org

Provides advocacy, training, and support in obtaining services for families whose children have special needs.

Crystal Run Village, Inc. 692-4444
601 Stony Ford Rd. Middletown NY 10941

E-mail: elise_gold@crvi.org

Web: CRVI.org

Sixteen community homes located throughout Rockland, Orange and Sullivan Counties. Two residential campus programs which provide services and care to individuals for dually diagnosed and adults with developmental disabilities. Provides respite services to families who are taking care of a family member who has a disability.

Orange County Association for Learning Disabled 733-1594

PO Box 4427 Middletown NY 10940

Assoc. for Help of Retarded Citizens 561-0670
Admin Office 249 Broadway Newburgh NY 12550

Web: OrangeAHC.org

Provides training, housing and employment for the developmentally disabled to become independent, productive members of our communities. Inform the public of our clients' needs and potentials. Help to the families of our clients.

Orange County AHRC
Medicaid Service Coordination 342-0443
357 Mt. Hope Rd. Middletown, NY 10940

AHRC 427-2077
28 Bull Rd. Campbell Hall NY 10916
E-mail: jburpoc@orangeahrc.org
Web: www.orangeahrc.org

Occupations Inc. 294-6185
Counseling Centers (4 Locations)
2001 Rte 17M Bldg 700 Suite 205 Goshen NY 10924

Web: www.Occupations.org
Each center provides outpatient mental health services; individual, family and group therapies; medication monitoring; psychiatric evaluation. Fee: HMO's, private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare. Call for an appointment.

Footings, Inc 783-7505
P.O. BOX 2038 4 No. Main St. Monroe NY 10950

E-mail: footings.shannon@juno.org
Programs for people with developmental disabilities- "I May Not Be Perfect, But Parts of Me are Excellent." Social group for pre-teens and young adolescents focusing on discovering what makes each person special and unique. Runs in 6-week cycles during the school year. Club Rec - Academic support, social recreation, creative arts and sports program meeting daily after school. HCBS Waiver Service Coordination.

Occupations, Inc 342-5428
Self Direction Center
20 Union St Middletown NY 10940
Web: www.Occupations.org
Provides assistance in making informed choices about where individuals want to live, learn, work and socialize. Also provides assessment and development of skills and supports.

Occupations, Inc. 692-4454
Work Centers
Web: www.Occupations.org
70 Fortune Rd Middletown NY 10940
Operates work centers in Middletown and New Windsor where individuals can develop skills, attitudes and behaviors essential for obtaining jobs in the community.

Occupations, Inc. 565-9268
Community Counseling/Squire Program
67 Windsor Highway New Windsor, NY 12553
24 Union St Middletown NY 10924 343-2878
Web: www.Occupations.org
Individual/group therapy, life skills training, substance abuse services, psychiatric rehabilitation, family support, medication, case management, flexible individual service and daily services available.

Inspire - Orange County Cerebral Palsy Assoc.
2 Fletcher St. Goshen NY 10924 294-8806
Web: www.inspirecp.org

OC Health Dept Early Intervention 291-2333
124 Main St. Goshen, NY 10924

OC Health Dept Physically 291-2569

Handicapped Children's Program
124 Main St. Goshen, NY 10924
Financial assistance for medical needs for children with severe, long-term health problems that can be corrected or improved.

Vocational Educational Services 346-4260
for Individuals with Disabilities

200 Midway Park Dr. Middletown, NY 10940
Web: www.vesid.nysed.gov
VESID serves those who have a medically verified physical, emotional, or mental disability. Services include counseling, vocational rehabilitation, vocational assessment, job placement, information and referral.

Winslow Therapeutic Riding Unlimited 986-6686

328 17A Warwick, NY 10990

Web: www.Winslow.org

E-mail: info@winslow.org

Provides a full range of horseback riding therapy programs for children/adults with disabilities/special needs in a natural farm environment. Riders are encouraged to reach their highest levels of proficiency. Open Wellness classes are also available. Training and continuing education programs for professionals in the field of therapeutic riding are held regularly.

EDUCATION / CAREER DEVELOPMENT

According to New York State Department of Education Law as of July 1, 1992, a youth is required to remain in school until the last day of session in the school year in which the youth becomes sixteen years.

School is a community. If practice of your rights as listed here would tend to disrupt school functions or interfere with rights of others, you should discuss other alternatives with school officials.

NYS Law requires that, to attend school, you must be immunized against diphtheria, polio, measles, mumps and rubella. Many schools also require a Tuberculosis Tine Test. For minimum requirements and information about free immunizations, contact the Orange County Health Department. Call 291-2369 for more information.

Alternative School Options

To inquire about information on alternative high school programs (i.e. web-site and online classes), please call the school's guidance department.

RIGHTS OF STUDENTS:

(as established by NYS Department of Education, RE: Public Schools):

Right to Education: You have the right to attend school until you graduate or until the age of 21 whichever comes first. You have the right to a free education.

Access to School Records: Your parents, legal guardian, or you, if you are over 18 years of age, have the right to personally inspect your entire school record. You may take notes or make copies. You may have information removed that is proven inaccurate or misleading and add clarifying information.

After School Clubs: If a school allows one club to use school facilities, then all clubs must be allowed to use the facilities; all students must be allowed an equal opportunity to use school resources. If you have further questions or need any help, contact your Guidance Counselor.

Buttons and Armbands: You have the right to wear buttons, armbands, and other forms of symbolic expression. The school may stop such conduct only if it creates a significant threat of real disruption of school activities. Please refer to the district code of conduct.

Discrimination: You have the right to equal treatment while in school. This means you may not be discriminated against on the basis of race, religion, national origin, handicap, or sex. Only in sex education courses and contact sports may a school maintain separate classes for male and female students.

Distribution of Literature, Leaflets, and Newspapers: As a general rule, you have the right to distribute literature, leaflets, and newspapers without prior review of the material by a school official. However, the time, place, and manner of distribution of literature on school grounds are subject to reasonable rules.

Flag Salutes and Pledge of Allegiance: Although New York State requires that the Pledge of Allegiance be conducted in public schools, you have the right to decline to participate in this ceremony.

Personal Appearance: You have the right to wear any clothing you want, as long as it is not so distracting as to disrupt the normal school activities or constitutes a health or safety hazard.

Pregnancy: You have the right to remain in your regular program if you are pregnant, as long as you are physically able. After your child is born, you have the right to return to classes as soon as you are able.

Searches: It has been established that school lockers are school property and, therefore, can be searched by police or school officials. Officials do, however, need some reasonable cause before they may lawfully search you personally.

Police and Interrogations: You may not be forced to submit to Police questioning in your school if the matter involves out-of-school activity.

However, you may be questioned on school property if the investigation involves a crime

committed there or if there is a valid warrant for arrest or search. If you are questioned, remember that you have the right to keep silent, to have a lawyer or parent present, and to be warned that anything you say may be used against you.

Rules of the School: You have the right to know, in advance, all of the rules that govern your conduct in school. It is best to check with the individual schools in regard to the rules they have set down. Each school has a required student school of conduct.

Suspensions and Other Disciplinary Procedures: Short Term (5 days or less) may be imposed by the Board of Education, the Superintendent, or the School Principal. If you have been suspended, you have the right to:

- a. Know the charges.
- b. An explanation of the evidence the school has against you.
- c. An opportunity to present your side of the story.
- d. An informal conference between you, your parent, and the principal, at which time your parent may question witnesses who made the complaint against you.

Long Term: (more than five days) suspension may be imposed by the Board of Education or Superintendent. By the fifth day of the suspension, you must be given an opportunity for a fair hearing. If you are faced with long term suspension, you have the right to:

- a. Reasonable notice indicating what you are accused of doing.
- b. Representation at the hearing by your parent, a friend, a teacher, counselor, advocate or attorney.
- c. An impartial hearing officer to preside at your hearing.
- d. Present evidence and call upon witnesses to testify.
- e. Cross examine the witnesses who testify against you.

If you are under 16 years of age, you may be entitled to receive alternative education if you are suspended for more than 5 days.

Disciplinary Transfers: You have the right to a hearing before you are transferred from one school to another as punishment for a violation of school rules. This also applies to a program transfer.

Exclusion from Extra-Curricular Activities: You may not be excluded from activities such as school clubs without legitimate reason. Schools may have eligibility rules. Please refer to the district school of conduct.

Returning to School: If you need help getting back to school or information about summer school, call the principal, school guidance counselor in your school district, or BOCES.

General Equivalency Diploma (GED): If you have dropped out of school for awhile and now you wish you had a high school diploma, it's possible to get one. You can take a GED (General Equivalency Diploma) test. The test is recognized by most colleges and employers as the same as a regular High School Diploma.

The test consists of Math, English and Reading skills, Science and Social Studies. Courses are offered to prepare for the exam.

To take the test, you must be 19, or, if younger, you must have been out of school at least one year or your class must have graduated. If interested, get an application at a local high school. For occupational training in fields such as auto mechanics, carpentry, printing, welding, cosmetology, practical nursing, etc. for both high school students as part of their regular high school program and for others in evening courses educational media and career services special education for handicapped children, contact your local high school.

Family Empowerment Council, Inc.
1-888-343-8181

225 Dolson Ave. Suite 403 Middletown, NY 10940

E-mail: kmallin@familyempowerment.org

Web: Familyempowerment.org

Fax: 343-9906

Educational Advocacy Program will enable youth to remain in school, return to school or pursue constructive alternatives to high school. Program will provide advocacy to parents who need assistance with proper school placement and/or evaluation.

OC Employment & Training Admin. 291-2450
 30 Matthew St. Suite 106 Goshen, NY 10924

E-mail: eta@co.orange.ny.us Fax: 291-2503

Please note: This office will have a new phone number and address in Spring/Summer of 2006. Program will provide GED, placement, in college or a job, to out of school youth, ages 16-20 in the Cities of Middletown and Newburgh.

Orangeworks-one stop access for employment & training.

Youth Services	568-5074
Adult Services	568-5090
Middletown	346-1100
Port Jervis	856-2544

ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Chester Union Free School District **469-2231**
 3 Maple Ave. Chester, NY 10918

Cornwall School District **534-8908**
 122 Main St. Cornwall, NY 12518

Florida Union Free School District **651-3095**
 PO Box 757 - 51 N. Main St. Florida, NY 10921

Goshen Central School District **294-2410**
 227 Main St. Goshen, NY 10924

Greenwood Lake Union Free School **477-7395**
 1247 Lakes Rd. Greenwood Lake, NY 10925

Highland Falls Central School **446-4738**
 PO 286 Highland Falls, NY 10928

Kiryas Joel Village School **782-2300**
 Kahan Dr. Monroe, NY 10950

Marlboro Central School District **236-5812**
 50 Cross Rd. Marlboro, NY 12542

Middletown City School District **341-5300**
 223 Wisner Ave. Middletown, NY 10940

Minisink Valley Central School **355-5110**
 Minisink Campus Rt. 6 Box 217 Slate Hill, NY 10973

Monroe Woodbury Central School **928-2321**
 295 State Rt. 32 Central Valley, NY 10917

Newburgh City School District **563-3500**
 124 Grand St. Box 711 Newburgh, NY 12550

Pine Bush Central School District **744-2031**
 State Rt. 302 Box 700 Pine Bush, NY 12566

Port Jervis City School District **858-3175**
 9 Thompson St. Port Jervis, NY 12711

Tuxedo Union Free School District **351-4786**
 PO Box 2002 Tuxedo Park, NY 10987

Valley Central School District **457-2400**
 944 State Rt. 17K Montgomery, NY 12549

Wallkill Central School District **895-7100**
 PO Box 310 - 13 Main St. Walkill, NY 12589

Warwick Valley Central School **987-3000**
 Sandforville Rd. PO Box 595 Warwick, NY 10990

Washingtonville Central School **497-2200**
 54 West Main St. Washingtonville, NY 10992

Orange/Ulster BOCES 291-0100
 Board of Cooperative Educational Services
 Special Education Training & Resource Ctr.
291-0520

Gibson Road Goshen, NY 10924
 Offers specialized education programs for its component school districts, including occupational education classes for high school students, special education classes for children with learning disabilities, and adult occupational education. All programs are operated in compliance with federal law prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or handicapping conditions. Any student in a component school district is eligible for admission to any occupational program with application to be made through local guidance counselors.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

If you want to go to college but cannot afford it, check with the financial aid officer of any college or **FAFSA.COM**. You may be eligible for assistance. There are three basic kinds of aid:

1. Grants and Scholarships - Aid you do not have to pay back.
2. Student Loans - Low interest loans you do have to pay back.
3. Work Study - The school you attend lets you work for them or an approved agency. The pay helps you meet your expenses.

College Reference Materials: The reference section of most libraries contains information on various colleges. They also offer information on forms for financial aid. Contact your local library or Orange County Community College reference section.

Orange County Community College 344-6222
115 South St Middletown NY 10940
1 Washington Center Newburgh NY 12550
562-2454

Web: www.sunyorange.edu

A public, co-educational, two-year community college offering associate degrees in both liberal arts/transfer and career/technical fields. The college has an open admissions policy requiring a H.S. Diploma or equivalent for admission to most programs.

Mount Saint Mary College 561-0800 x185
Director of Admissions
330 Powell Avenue Newburgh NY 12550
A co-educational liberal arts college offering courses leading to degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science.

West Point Military Academy 938-4011
Director of Admissions
U.S. Military Academy West Point NY
The West Point graduate is awarded a Bachelor of Science degree and commissioned as an officer in the US Army. Admissions' candidates must meet specific academic, physical, and medical requirements, and must also obtain a nomination from a Member of Congress.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION / ASSISTANCE

Community Outreach Development 561-2107
233 Liberty St. Newburgh, NY 12550
Programs include latch-key, day care, community gardening (ways to save money).

Cornell Cooperative Extension 344-1234
Comm. Campus-1 Ashley Ave. Middletown, NY 10940

Email: orange@cornel.edu/orange

Web: cce.cornell.edu/orange

Educational programs which include parenting, home economics, agriculture, 4-H Youth development, energy, food and nutrition, money management, integrated pest management and watershed usage.

Head Start Programs

49 Gidney Ave. Newburgh, NY 12550 562-0380
157 Linden Ave Middletown, NY 10940

343-4191

31 West Main St. Port Jervis, NY 12771

856-6821

7 Israel Zupnick Dr Monroe, NY 10950 783-0990

Preschool developmental program for socially and economically disadvantaged 3-5 year olds.

Mid-Hudson Migrant Education 257-2950

PO Box 250 New Paltz, NY 12561

E-mail: gutierrm@newpaltz.edu

Web: newpaltz.edu/MEOP

Tutorial and support services for migrant youths. Bi-lingual services. Summer programs. Work experience. GED preparation classes.

Literacy Volunteers Of Western Orange

County 341-5460

70 Fulton St. Middletown, NY 10940

Literacy Council 561-1985x15

Newburgh Library

124 Grand St Newburgh NY 12550

American Red Cross Orange Chapter

294-9785

55 Main St Goshen NY 10924

Web: NYRedcross.org

Salvation Army

80 West Main St Middletown NY 10940 343-0821

234-236 VanNess St Newburgh NY 12550

E-mail: newburghsa@verizon.net

562-0413

99 Ball St Port Jervis NY 12771

856-3214

EMPLOYMENT

Social Security Card: If you plan to get a job or open a bank account, you need a Social Security Number. Call

Social Security Administration 565-7041

3 Washington Center Newburgh, NY 12550

Toll free number 1-800-772-1213

Walk in 8:30-5:00, Monday-Friday. Bring a birth certificate and one other piece of identification (such as a membership card). You will receive an application to fill out. After that, allow at least 3 weeks for delivery of your card. Once you receive your card, write the number down somewhere else and keep it in a safe place in case your card is lost. This will simplify applying for a new card.

Working Papers: If you are under 18, you must have working papers. Working papers must be reissued every two years until you reach your 18th birthday. When you apply for your papers, you

will need your parent's written permission, proof of age and a certificate of physical fitness. Working paper application forms and physical exams can be obtained at the school nearest you. Go to the guidance office for information whether you are in or out of school. They can also help you with employment information.

Suggestions for Job Hunting:

- Look for jobs at your local Department of Labor and/or Career Center
- Check ads in newspapers
- Ask around frequently: friends, family, relatives who might know of job openings
- Register with the State Job Service, follow their job bank listings
- Check NY Telephone Yellow Pages for employment agencies (Do not pay fee before you have the job.)
- Visit the personnel offices of companies
- Visit and fill out applications at stores
- Visit Village, Town and County personnel offices
- Contact the local Chamber of Commerce
- Ask your high school guidance counselor or college placement office
- Place an ad in the "situation-wanted" section of the paper or notices in supermarkets, etc.

It is not easy, especially your first time out, but persistence pays off. By April most "good" summer jobs are filled. Schedule your time and keep hunting. Many times being in the right place at the right time is how a job is gotten.

OC Employment & Training Admin.

291-2450

30 Matthews St Suite 106 Goshen, NY 10924
E-mail: eta@co.orange.ny.us Fax: 291-2503
Please Note: This office will have a new phone number and address as of Spring/Summer of 2006. Also offers the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP). Oversees the welfare-to-work activities for all public assistance recipients. Outreach case management services offered to out-of-school youth 16-20 in Middletown and Newburgh. Refer to GED placement either to college or jobs.

Orange Works (Career Centers of Orange County)

33 Fulton St. Middletown, NY 10940 **346-1100**
 3 Washington Ctr. Newburgh, NY 12550 **568-5090**

The Career Center is an employment and training center for individuals that are in need of full or part-time employment. Assistance with resume writing, job search and placement available.

New York State Employment Services

33 Fulton St. Middletown, NY 10940 **346-1100**
 3 Washington Ctr. Newburgh, NY 12550 **568-5091**

Occupations, Inc **562-6850**

67 Windsor Highway New Windsor NY 12553
 Vocational rehabilitation training, diagnostic vocational evaluation , clinical services on-site,

workshops for physically and mentally challenged individuals.

Occupations, Inc., Career Guidance & Employment Services **343-5556**

1624 Union St Middletown NY 10940

Newburgh Free Library Job Information **561-1836**

124 Grand St Newburgh NY 12550

Newburgh Community Action Committee **562-0100**

123 Grand St. 3rd Floor, Newburgh, NY 12550

Web: www.ncacnewburgh.org

FOOD ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, you can contact your local Department of Social Services or you can visit one of the many food pantries or soup kitchens located throughout the county.

ARCS, Newburgh	562-5005
Chester Presbyterian Pantry	469-4877
Community Emergency Food Center	783-6371
Ebenezer Baptist	562-1168
Family Empowerment Project Food Pantry	341-1400
Fed by Grace Food Pantry	(570) 296-8084
First Assembly of God Food Pantry	856-1826
First Presbyterian Church	294-7991
First Presbyterian Food Pantry	783-1632
Florida Comm. Church Food Pantry	651-4117
Farm Centers CC Food Pantry	651-4272
GMIF at St. Paul's UM Church	343-4425
Good Samaritan	361-4143
Highland Mills UM Church Food Pantry	928-6177
Holy Innocents Food Pantry	446-2197
Hope Center Food Pantry	856-3423
Independent Living Food Pantry	565-1162
Kiryas Joel Social Services	774-4444 ext.175/110
Links Food Pantry at Emergency Housing	342-5713
Montgomery Food Pantry	457-9673
Newburgh Tabernacle Food Pantry	562-8545
Pennies for Provisions	374-6886
RECAP Nutrition Program	342-3978 ext.30 or 50
St. Margaret's Soup Kitchen	344-0569
Meals on Wheels of Middletown Inc	342-0088
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Food Pantry	561-1317
St. George's Church	561-5355
St. James Church of God	343-7956
Solid Rock Church of God	534-3278 option 0
Trinity United Methodist Church	562-0914
Union Presbyterian Church Food Pantry	562-0954
Vails Gate United Methodist	562-0580
Rural Opportunities Food Pantry	343-0771
Salvation Army Food Pantry	
Middletown	343-0821
Newburgh	562-0413
Port Jervis	856-3214
St. Paul's UM Church Food Pantry	343-4425
St. Patrick's Church Soup Kitchen	561-0885
Grace UM Church Food Pantry	561-0176
New City Food Pantry	863-0907
New Hope Baptist Church Food Pantry	562-0191
Good Samaritan Pantry	778-2008

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St. Andrew's Church Food Pantry **778-5310**
 Mid Hudson Christian Church **895-3006**
 Warwick Ecumenical Council Food Pantry **986-1030**
 1st Presbyterian Church Food Pantry **496-3814**

Health Services

Middletown Community Health Center

343-8838
342-6601
 Women's Health Services
 10 Benton Ave. Middletown, NY 10940
 14 Grove St Middletown NY 10940
 Pediatrics **344-2273**
 This agency provides health and medical services. Fee is based on income level and most insurance is accepted including Medicaid and Medicare. Adult and Pediatric medical care, HIV primary care, prenatal care, gynecology/family planning, Gay and Lesbian Youth Support Groups, confidential HIV testing and counseling, testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), pregnancy counseling, case management, nutrition and social work services and bilingual patient advocacy, community education and outreach, substance abuse and alcohol counseling.

Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center **563-8000**

3 Washington Center Newburgh, NY 12550
 This agency provides health and medical services. Fee is based on income level and most insurance is accepted including Medicaid and Medicare. Services include primary health care in Pediatrics, Adult Medicine, Gynecology and Podiatry; Dental care; HIV/AIDS primary care, pre/post test counseling and case management; Nutritional, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling; Lead Screening and case management; Childhood Immunization Outreach; MOMS Prenatal Program and Social Services.

Planned Parenthood of the

Mid-Hudson Valley
 7 Coates Dr. Suite 4 Goshen NY 10924 **294-8831**
 532 Blooming Grove Tk New Windsor NY **562-7800**

91 Dubois Street Newburgh NY 12550 **562-5748**
 43 Main Street Walden NY 12586 **778-2220**
Newburgh Education Office **562-3098**
 26 West St. Newburgh NY 12550

Web: PPMHV.org

Women's health care center that provides birth control methods, pregnancy testing, HIV testing, sexually transmitted infections screening, teen parenting programs, education and training. Services confidential. Medicaid and insurance is accepted.

Facts of Life Info. Line **1-800-979-INFO**

McAuley Primary Care Center 858-7280
 140 Hammond St., Port Jervis, N.Y. 12771

United Community Health Center **744-2067**

99 Cameron St. Pine Bush NY 12566
 Adult and Pediatric medical care, gynecology/family planning, confidential HIV testing and counseling, testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), pregnancy counseling, case management, nutrition and social work services, bilingual patient advocacy.

Orange County Department of Health
 124 Main St. Goshen NY 10924 **291-2332**

Reality Check- Youth Against Tobacco
568-5246

Community Health Outreach (CHO)

568-5237
 130 Broadway Newburgh, NY 12550
 The Department of Health offers a wide array of services. The Division of Patient Services provides public health nursing, home health care, HIV counseling and testing, tuberculosis screening and immunization clinics. The Public Health Education division offers health education services to schools, hospitals, health care providers, agencies and organizations and the private sector. The Environmental Health division licenses food vendors, inspects summer camps and insures that sanitary codes are being enforced. CHO focus areas are early identification of the following: lead poisoning, HIV, substance abuse, remediation of environmental and safety hazards, prenatal care, well childcare and parenting. The Early Intervention division provides services to families and children with handicapping disabilities under the age of three. An adult polio program is also supervised under this division. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinics provide special supplemental nutrition to high-risk pregnant and breast-feeding women, as well as to infants and children up to 5 years of age. Assistance with obtaining medical care is provided, as is supplemental foods and nutrition education. Clinics are located in Goshen, Middletown, Newburgh, Port Jervis, Warwick, Monroe and Walden.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender
562-3098

Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network
Hudson Valley **566-8674**

Hospice of Orange in Hudson Valley **561-6111**
 800 Stony Brook Ct. Newburgh, NY 12250

Web: www.hospicefororange.com

This is a not for profit, community based program of home care which treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit. Hospice services are coordinated through an interdisciplinary team, which includes nurses, social workers, physicians,

volunteers and related therapists. Hospice provides supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of those physical, psychological, spiritual and economic stresses which are experienced during the final stages of illness, dying and bereavement.

American Red Cross-Orange Chapter
294-9785

55 Main St. Goshen, NY 10924

Web: NYRedcross.org

Provides primary disaster relief, limited rent and utilities program, comprehensive health trainings and education which include: child safety education (for kindergartners-adult) babysitting certification, First Aid/CPR and HIV/AIDS.

American Heart Association **342-1115**
419 E Main St Middletown NY 10940

Fax: 342-4505

Information regarding heart disease, stroke, cholesterol, blood pressure, nutrition, exercise and CPR training.

HIV/AIDS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT HIV AND AIDS

1. What is AIDS?

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is the final and most severe stage of HIV infection. AIDS is a disease in which the body's natural immune system breaks down, leaving it unable to fight off infections and cancers.

2. What causes AIDS?

AIDS is caused by a virus called human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The virus can be contracted during anal, vaginal and oral sex or by sharing needles with a person who is infected. A woman with HIV can also pass the virus to her baby during pregnancy, delivery, or by breastfeeding. AIDS can also be transmitted through blood.

AIDS line **1-800-992-1442**

AIDS Counseling and Testing

Hotline **1-800-872-2777**

HIV/AIDS Hotline **1-800-342-2437**

AIDS Info Line **1-800-541-2437**

(National - Centers for Disease Control)

Free confidential information and referrals about HIV and AIDS.

AIDS Related Community Services 562-5005
(ARCS)

473 Broadway Newburgh NY 12550

Web: www.arcs.org

Provides case management (with 24 hour coverage), community education, crisis

intervention, HIV/AIDS prevention in drug treatment programs, transportation program, volunteer buddy program, hospital visitors, alcoholism and substance abuse HIV/AIDS education and counseling services, prison services, jail services, HIV antibody counseling and testing (Newburgh office), referral and partner notification, individual, couples and family counseling, support groups, advocacy, referrals (medical, dental, legal, funeral services), educational programs for clients, professionals and the community including: behavior change, risk education, basic HIV/AIDS information and medical updates. Services are provided for Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. Bilingual services available.

**AIDS TREATMENTS /
CLINICAL TRIALS**

AIDS CLINICAL TRIALS HOTLINE

1-800-TRIALS-A (874-2572)

Information about AIDS clinical trials, where they are taking place and who is eligible.

**AIDS Community Research Initiative
of America** **212-924-3934**

230 West 38th St. NY, NY 10001

Web: www.ACRIA.org

Conducts community-based research on new HIV drugs in development and education on new HIV therapies. Call to find out about current trials and eligibility and to learn about treatment education services.

Albany Medical Center **518-262-4043**

The Medical Center offers clinical trials on its Albany campus and through the Kingston Satellite Office at the Mid Hudson Care Center. Call **518- 262-4043** or **518- 262-6330** for more information and eligibility.

PROJECT INFORM **1-800-822-7422**
205 13th St Suite 2001 San Francisco CA 94103

Web: Projectinform.org

Provides information about conventional treatments that are approved or experimental as well as non-conventional treatments. Periodically publishes newsletter on treatments that is available for a contribution.

Treatment Issues Newsletter

Att: Paul Warner Medical Information 2nd
Floor

129 West 20th St NY NY 10011

Published by Gay Men' s Health Crisis, this newsletter covers news on different treatments, approved or under investigation.

Complementary subscriptions available.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

A key ingredient to sexual health is to take preventive measures to insure that infection does not occur. The only sure way to prevent infection is sexual abstinence. Limiting sexual partners can reduce the chance of infection. Proper use of a condom is one of the best preventive measures against these diseases. Some common types of STIs are described below:

Chlamydia

Chlamydia is spread by sexual contact. It usually appears in 1-3 weeks in men and is usually unknown in women because symptoms can be vague. Often women have no symptoms, but the male will experience a burning sensation when urinating.

Gonorrhea

Gonorrhea is spread by close contact of a sexual nature from penis to vagina, penis to mouth, mouth to vagina, penis to rectum, and mother to baby during birth. It usually appears in 2-10 days. It is difficult to know in a woman, because she may have it for awhile before symptoms appear. Often women show no symptoms, but the male will experience a discharge from the penis and burning when urinating.

Herpes

Herpes Simplex 2 (genital herpes) is spread by sexual contact. It can appear anywhere from 2-14 days after infection. Symptoms are painful blisters around the mouth, genitals, or anus.

Pubic Lice

Pubic lice are spread by sexual contact. It can also be "caught" from infected clothes or bedding. The symptoms appear anywhere from three days to four weeks. Symptoms include itching, especially at night, and visible moving lice.

Syphilis

Syphilis is spread by sexual contact. The first symptom is a sore (chancre) and the secondary symptoms are rash or swollen lymph nodes. If left untreated it may affect the heart or brain, and could later prove fatal.

If you think you may have contracted any of the above mentioned diseases, you should see one of the following as soon as possible: Orange County Health Dept. Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic, services are offered to all residents of Orange County FREE of charge. Services include laboratory work, treatment, and counseling. All interviews and tests are confidential.

S.T.I. Clinics are conducted for the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted illnesses. No appointment is necessary, and consistent with Public Health law, parental permission is not required for minors. All information is strictly confidential. For more information call the Orange County Health Department at **291-2332**.

TEEN PREGNANCY / TEEN SEXUALITY

No person under the age of 17 or one who is mentally incapacitated or physically helpless can legally consent to sexual relations. Sexual relations between close relatives may be considered incest and is illegal. Additionally, sexual relations with persons who are under the age of consent can be considered sexual abuse. The decision to become sexually active is that of the individual. It is a big decision and there are things to be considered.

Anyone, regardless of age, has the right to birth control information and/or materials as well as the right to medical services for pregnancy. Parental consent or permission is not required in New York State to obtain these services. Teens have a variety of sources available for information regarding sexuality. These include parents, counselors, health teachers, physicians, and family planning agencies.

In addition, some other options for information are the local community library or school/college based libraries. Many of these have a variety of resources available to teens that have questions about their sexuality such as pamphlets, books, and videos. The pamphlets are available free of charge in many cases. As a teenager, you may face important decisions concerning relationships and sexuality. If you are sexually active, pregnancy prevention and prevention of disease should be your main concern. Your parents and the following agencies can provide you with helpful information about pregnancy prevention. There are many assistance programs that can help pregnant women who are in need of pre-natal care but can't afford it. The Prenatal Care Assistance Program (PCAP) is a program for pregnant women and teens. In order to qualify for this program you must meet certain income requirements.

Cornell Cooperative Extension 344-1234
1 Ashley Ave. Middletown, NY 10940

Email: orange@cornell.edu

Web: cce.cornell.edu/orange

Teen parenting-8 week series offered six times a year throughout the county.

Maternal Infant Services Network 928-7448
Helpline 800-453-4666

225 Rt. 32-PO Box 548 Central Valley NY 10917

E-mail: fekids@misn.us

The purpose of MISN is to ensure that every woman of childbearing age and her family have access to the full range of preventive and primary health care, social, nutritional and educational services for their children.

Prenatal Center 342-6601
10 Benton Ave. Middletown NY 10940

Prenatal care; genetic assessment; post partum care and educational programs; and bilingual patient advocacy.

Birthright of Orange County 343-3121
40 Grove St. Middletown, NY 10940
Services include free pregnancy tests, help
planning for baby, referrals for Medical
Assistance. (Call for hours)

Child Care Council of Orange County
40 Matthews St. Goshen, NY 10924 294-4012

TASA (Teenage Services Act)
40 Grove St. Middletown NY 10940 344-2139
91 Dubois St. Newburgh, NY 12550 565-0227
26 West St. Newburgh, NY 12550 562-0814
TASA Case Managers work directly with
pregnant and parenting teens to assist them in
achieving self- sufficiency. We focus on
employment, education, health care, housing,
nutrition, and advocacy.

HOME CARE

Will Care 561-3655
700 Cooperate Blvd. Newburgh, NY 12550
Web: www.willcare.com
Medicare and Medicaid certified to provide
home care services to residents of Orange and
Ulster counties. Services include skilled
nursing (Pentam and Infusion services),
physical, occupational and speech therapies,
social work services and home health aides.
Transportation provided through ARCS.

Any Time Home Care
53 Rt 17K Newburgh NY 12550 565-1212
200 Midway Park Dr Middletown NY10940
344-4222
Provides registered and licensed practical
nurses, home health aids, personal care aides,
physical, occupational and speech therapists
and intravenous (IV) therapy.

Homemaker Service of Orange County
70 Fulton St. Middletown NY 10940
343-0886
Personal care and home health aides assist with
meal preparation, light housekeeping and
personal care services. The Educational
Homemaker program teaches families
parenting and household management skills,
helping to create a safe environment for
children in the home.

Unlimited Care, Inc. 342-2220
453 Route 211 East, Middletown NY 10940
Web: unlimitedcareinc.com
Licensed agency providing personal care home
health aides and live-ins to assist clients with
daily activities.

HOSPITALS

Arden Hill Hospital 294-5441
4 Harriman Dr Goshen NY 10924

Web: www.Ardenhill.org
Bon Secour Community Hospital 856-5351
160 East Main St Port Jervis NY 12771
Web: www.Bonsecourcommunityhosp.org

Cornwall Hospital 534-7711
33 Laurel Ave Cornwall NY 12518 1499

Good Samaritan Hospital 368-5000
255 Lafayette Ave. Suffern, NY 10901
Web: www.Goodsamhosp.org

Horton Medical Center 343-2424
60 Prospect Ave Middletown NY 10940
Web: www.Hortonmd.org

Saint Anthony Community Hospital 986-2276
15 Maple Ave. Warwick, NY
Web: www.Stanthonycommunityhosp.org

Saint Lukes Hospital 561-4400
70 Dubois St Newburgh NY 12550

JUVENILE / YOUTH JUSTICE

THE LAW AND YOU

Contacts with Police:

If you are stopped by the police for any reason,
bear in mind that a cooperative attitude is much
better than a negative one. Don't hassle. Listen
carefully to the officer so that you understand
his/her comments.

If you are arrested:

1. Do not resist arrest.
2. Keep an open attitude.
3. Call your parents or legal guardian. By law,
they must be notified of your arrest and
where you are being detained.
4. You have the right to remain silent, beyond
identifying yourself (name, address, family,
birth date). Don't admit to anything! This
cannot be stressed enough. Sometimes
people (especially youths) feel so
intimidated by police officers that they
"rattle on" and end up incriminating
themselves.
5. You do not have to sign, volunteer, or
consent to anything; however, if you do not
consent to finger printing, you can be locked
up.
6. You have the right to have an attorney
present during questioning. If you cannot
afford one, the court will appoint one for
you.

Search warrant: A search warrant is a paper
signed by a judge giving permission to search
your house, car, locker, or other property. In
some instances, the police need a search
warrant before they can search you and seize
your property. However, there are times when
they can search you without a warrant.

You have the right to a receipt for anything taken and a copy of a warrant. If you do not want your property searched, you have the right to refuse. This may not stop a search, but will help you legally in court. Anyone over the age of seven years can be arrested for a criminal act.

Depending on the nature of the crime, a juvenile can be tried as an adult. If you have any legal questions, contact one of these agencies:

PINS (Person's in Need of Supervision)

The PINS Diversion Program is available to all families in Orange County. As of July 1, 2002, the PINS age was increased to include youth up to age 18. Parents or guardians may call the Orange County Probation Department if their child is exhibiting any of the following behaviors: a pattern of acting out or incorrigible behavior, truancy, running away from home, marijuana possession, or drug/alcohol use. Once a parent or guardian calls in a referral, a Probation Officer will complete a brief screening and if necessary make a referral to the **Family Keys Program**. Family Keys is designed to provide short-term immediate intervention services, coupled with service referral and linkage in order to address a family's long-term service needs.

Probation Dept. Contact Info

Goshen	291-4750
Port Jervis	858-1400
Middletown	346-1140
Newburgh	568-5000

JUVENILE AID BUREAUS

Investigation and prevention of juvenile crimes. Education, counseling and referral services. Prevention of crimes against juveniles**

Orange County Sheriff's Office 24 hour line	291-4033
Town of Blooming Grove Rt. 94 and 2 Horton Rd. Blooming Grove NY 10914	496-9161
Town of Cornwall 183 Main Street Cornwall, NY 12518	534-8100
Village of Greenwood Lake 16 Church St. Box 491 Greenwood Lake, NY 10925	477-9211
City of Middletown 2 James St. Middletown, NY 10940	343-5066
City of Newburgh 55 Broadway Newburgh, NY 12550	561-3131
Town of Newburgh 300 Gardnertown Road Newburgh, NY 12550	564-1100
Town of New Windsor 555 Union Ave New Windsor, NY 12553	565-7000
City of Port Jervis 18-20 Hammond Street Port Jervis, NY 12771	858-4073
Village of Walden Police 1 Municipal Sq. Walden, NY 12586	778-5595

Village of Washingtonville Police **496-9123**
38 East Main St. Washingtonville, NY 10992

**** For more information on your local Juvenile Aid Bureau, contact your local police department.**

SERVICES

Crime Victims Assistance Program

Goshen 255-275 Main St. 291-4015	291-4780
	291-4015
Middletown 33 Fulton St.	346-1201
Newburgh 141 Broadway	568-5006

Provides information regarding the functioning of the criminal justice system, case status, and accompaniment to trial and referral services.

Children's Rights Society, Inc. 291-2670

213 West Main St. PO Box 1002
Goshen, NY 10924
Law guardian for children in abuse, neglect and custody disputes. Youth can call for legal representations in Juvenile Delinquency (JD) and PINS (Person in Need of Supervision) proceedings.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley 569-9110

123 Grand St. Newburgh, NY 12550
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley is the civil legal services organization providing free legal services to residents of Orange County.

Orange County Dept of Probation 291-4750

County Government Center Goshen, NY 10924
141 Broadway Newburgh NY 12550 **568-5000**
33 Fulton St. Middletown NY 10940 **346-1140**
150 Pike St. Port Jervis NY 12771 **858-1400**

Family Court 291-3030

County Building 285 Main Street
Goshen NY 10924
Family court deals with issues affecting youth under the age of 16. They also hear cases involving families, custody matters, support issues, etc.

County Court 291-3111

County Building 255-285 Main Street
Goshen NY 10924

LIBRARIES

Bloomingsburg Free Library 13 North Road, Bloomingsburg NY	733-4993
Chester Public Library 1784 Kings Highway Chester NY Web: www.rcls.org	469-4252
Cornwall Public Library 395 Hudson St., Cornwall, N.Y. Web: www.rcls.org	534-8282
Town of Crawford Free Library 227 Maple Ave. Pine Bush NY Web: www.rcls.org/pbl	744-3375
Florida Public Library 4 Cohen Circle, Florida NY	651-7659
Goshen Public Library & Historical 203 Main St Goshen NY	294-6606
Greenwood Lake Public Library 79 Waterstone Rd Greenwood Lake NY Web: www.gwlibrary.org	477-8377

Highland Falls Public Library 446-3113
 298 Main St Highland Falls NY
Web: www.rcls.org

Maybrook Library 427-2914
 107 Main St., Maybrook, N.Y.

Monroe Free Library 783-4411
 44 Millpond Parkway Monroe NY
Web: www.monroelibrary.org

Montgomery Free Library 457-5616
 133 Clinton St Montgomery NY
Web: www.rcls.org

Newburgh Free Library 563-3600
 124 Grand St. Newburgh NY
Web: www.newburghlibrary.org

Port Jervis Free Library 856-7313
 138 Pike St Port Jervis NY
Web: www.rcls.org/ptj

Ramapo Catskill Library System 343-1131
 Route 17M Middletown NY

Thrall Library 344-8228
 11-19 Depot St. Middletown NY
Web: www.thrall.org

Tuxedo Park Library 351-2207
 227 Rt. 17 Tuxedo NY

Josephine Louise Public Library 778-7621
 5 Scofield St., Walden NY
Web: www.rcls.org

Wallkill Public Library 895-3707
 7 Bona Ventura Ave., Wallkill NY
Web: www.rcls.org

Albert Wisner Public Library 986-1047
 2 Colonial Ave Warwick NY

Moffat Library 496-5483
 6 W Main Washingtonville NY
Web: www.rcls.org

Woodbury Public Library 928-2114
 Central Valley Branch
 23 Smith Clove Rd. Central Valley, NY

Woodbury Public Library 928-6162
 Highland Mills Branch
 Co. Rt. 105, Highland Mills, N.Y.

MUSEUMS

Museum of the Hudson Highlands 534-5506
 Rt. 9W Kenridge Farm
 PO 181 The Boulevard Cornwall-on-Hudson NY
 Provides volunteer program for teenagers 13-17 to participate in all facets of the museum. Weekend hikes, films and wildlife educational programs.

The Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame 294-6330
 240 Main St Goshen NY 10924

West Point Museum 938-3590
Email: museum@usma.edu
 US Military Academy West Point NY 10996
 Building 2110 Persian Center

PARENTING (See Child Care)

Cornell Cooperative Extension Parenting Program 344-1234
 Community Campus
 1 Ashley Ave. Middletown NY 10940
E-mail: orange@cornell.edu
Web: www.cce.cornell.edu/orange

Coordination of parenting educational services, training to parenting educators, resource and referral. Relatives as Parents Program to assist grandparents and relatives who are caregivers in parenting, youth development and everyday living. Provides programs to parents of young children, teenagers and pregnant and parenting teens.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Camp Deer Run 733-5494
 450 Walker Valley Rd., Pine Bush, N.Y.
E-mail: info@campdeerrun.org
 Provides activities, standards and attitudes that teach self-esteem, trust, teamwork and a cooperative spirit.

Cornell Cooperative Extension 344-1234
 1 Ashley Ave. Middletown NY 10940
E-mail: orange@cornell.edu
Web: www.cce.cornell.edu/orange
 Programs for youth ages 8-12 and 13-19 and youth serving organizations with special emphasis on life skills, leadership and communication skills.

Family Empowerment Council, Inc 1-888-343-8181
 225 Dolson Ave. Suite 403 Middletown, NY
E-mail: fec@frontiernet.net Fax: 343-9906
Web: Familyempowerment.org
 They offer direct case advocacy, information and technical assistance to youth that are at risk of educational failure and need access to legally entitled advocacy services.

Center for Youth Development (OCCC) Liberty Partnerships Program 562-2469
 One Washington Center, Newburgh, N.Y.
 Variety of support services to students grades 7 through 12.
Youth Enrichment Project
 Links occupational and academic education.

Hoops Express 562-7248
 395 Ann St. Newburgh, N.Y. 12550
 Teaching the fundamentals of basketball and tennis to youth and enhancing those skills already possessed.

Newburgh Boxing Club 646-210-1521
 188/186 Washington St. Newburgh NY 12550
 Instructional boxing techniques. Open to all youth 6-18 years old.

Newburgh Zion Lions 527-0354 or 565-6151
 PO Box 1526 Newburgh NY
 All year round youth basketball league. Open to all youth 9-17 years old.

Boys and Girls Club of Pine Bush 744-6847
 Structured after school teen program.

Jewish Family Service of Greater Middletown 341-1173

This program provides a one-day conference open to seventh and eighth grade students that will offer workshops concerning various issues relevant to their population.

Arts EmPOWERment 534-2899

P.O. Box 735 Cornwall, NY 12518

E-mail: pegsloom@earthlink.net

The arts are recognized for their ability to educate, to heal, and to inspire change in individuals and communities. This program provides substance abuse prevention, inter-generational programs, grief & loss, multi-cultural respect, violence prevention, teen pregnancy prevention, and wellness.

Newburgh Performing Arts Academy 562-5650

62 Grand St. Newburgh, NY 12550

E-mail: npaainc@aol.com

The mission of NPAA is to educate and enrich the quality of life of individuals is underserved communities through instruction in and access to the various creative art forms such as dance, theatre, music, literary, and visual arts.

ASSIST Program for At Risk Youth

Please call the Youth Bureau at **291-2399**
For additional information.

Boy Scouts of America/Hudson Valley 497-7337

21-30 Rt. 94 Salisbury Mills NY 12577

Sarah Wells Girl Scout Council 361-2898

162 Bloomingburgh Rd Middletown NY 10940

E-mail: swgsc@citlink.net

Middletown YMCA 343-1158

10 Highland Ave. Middletown, NY 10940

E-mail: middletowny@hotmail.com

Web: www.middletownymca.bizland.com

Newburgh Family YMCA 566-0800

81 Little Britain Road Suite 204, Newburgh

E-mail: NEWBURGHYMCA@hvc.rr.com

The YMCA's offer a wide variety of recreational and educational services to children and adults.

YWCA of Orange County 561-8050

565 Union Ave. New Windsor, NY 12553

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of OC 342-3939

1-888-412-BIGS 562-5900

Fax: 562-1408

253 South William St. Newburgh, NY 12550

E-mail: bbsoc@mentorachild.org

Web: www.Mentorachild.org

A countywide service that matches qualified adult volunteers with children to provide friendship, guidance, and emotional support. Youth ages: 6-14

Community Outreach & Development

561-2107

233 Liberty St. Newburgh, NY 12550

The program will provide face-to-face tutorial

services to students of the Latchkey program.

These students shall be enrolled in the Newburgh

Free School District and Latchkey program.

Ages: 6-13

Glenn E. Hines Memorial

Boys & Girls Clubs of Newburgh Inc

285 Liberty St Newburgh NY 12550 **561-4936**

E-mail: nmcal285@aol.com

Web: www.BGCNewburghNY.net

Comprehensive recreation and youth service program targeting minority and disadvantaged youth. This full-time, structured program includes social, cultural and educational programs.

Newburgh Jewish Community Center 561-6602

68 Stewart Ave. Newburgh, NY 12550

Web: www.newburghjcc.org

NY National Guard Corps of Cadets 561-1259

335 South William St. Newburgh, NY 12550

The NYNGCC program provides opportunities for all youth (ages 12-17) including those in urban environments, and from disadvantaged backgrounds, to participate in a program that promotes positive development.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender

562-3098

CANDLE

634-6677

120 N. Main St., Suite 301, New City, NY

Web: www.candlerockland.org

CANDLE offers a program called TRUST that is a weekly, open psycho-educational group for high school students. It provides a safe, structured setting in which youth can discuss issues related to sexual orientation.

Port Jervis Youth Center

858-4045

134 Pike St Port Jervis NY 12771

E-mail: pjrecdept@fcc.net

Web: www.pjrec.com

The Youth Center provides recreation for youth in grades K-12, including games, socializing and bowling. Tutoring will be provided for youth 8-18 years. Arts and crafts will be provided for children in grades K-3. Friday night activities will be provided for teenagers, 13-18 years, including games, dancing, bowling and movie watching.

Town of Wallkill Boys & Girls Club 361-2222

P.O. Box 14 Circleville NY 10919 **Fax: 361-3222**

Site Address: Thompson Memorial/Circleville

Park Creamery Rd Circleville NY

E-mail: aschwartz@bgcorange.org

The club is open Monday-Thursday 2:30-7:30PM,

Friday 2:30-9:00PM. School age children enjoy

recreational and educational activities. Programs

provide homework help, leadership development,

employment skills and first aid readiness. Also

Friday night basketball, cooking, sports and

computers. Free membership.

Warwick Valley Community Center 986-6422

11 Hamilton Ave. Warwick NY 10990

West Point/Stewart Youth Services 938-3727

Bldg 500 Washington Rd West Point NY 10996

Web: www.usma.edu/mwr

Only offers youth programs to youth in Stewart

and West Point communities and Highland Falls

School district.

RECREATION

Orange County Parks 457-4900

211 Rte 416 Montgomery NY 12549

The Orange County Parks and Recreation

Department provides year-round programming and

facility usage for all county residents. Call the

Orange County Department of Parks and

Recreation for a listing of Orange County parks.

**Minisink Valley School District- 355-5250
Summer Program Fax: 355-5147**

Rt 6 Box 217 Slate Hill NY 10973
This program will increase the constructive use of leisure time activities for 300 local youth through participation in a three-hour daily recreation program for three weeks in the summer.
Ages: 6-11

Algonquin Park **564-7815**

Blooming Grove Recreation Program **496-9201**
Fax: 496-4522

Cornwall Recreation Program **534-4388**
Fax: 534-7299

Cornwall-Hudson Recreation Program
534-4200

Crawford Recreation Program **744-2029 ext.115**

Florida Recreation **651-7815**

Hamptonburgh Recreation Program **496-8141**

Florida Youth Recreation **651-7815**
Fax: 651-7643

Goshen Recreation Program **294-1558**
Web: townofgoshen.org

Greenwood Lake Recreation Program **477-9215**

Hamptonburgh Recreation **457-5141**

Maybrook Recreation Program **427-2717**
Ext.202

Middletown Recreation Program **346-4180**
Fax: 344-2918

Monroe Recreation Program **774-4582**
Fax: 782-5597

Montgomery Recreation Program **457-2622**
Fax: 457-2603

Mt. Hope Recreation Program **386-5603**

Newburgh Downtown Youth Center **565-1213**

Newburgh Youth Recreation Center **565-3230**

New Windsor Recreation Program **565-7750**
Fax: 563-4690

Port Jervis Recreation Program **858-4045**
Fax: 858-4016

Tuxedo Recreation Program **351-5598**

Walden Recreation Program **778-2655**
Fax: 778-2170

Warwick Recreation Program **986-2031**
Fax: 986-6884

Woodbury Recreation Program **928-9588**
Fax: 928-8240

RUNNING AWAY/HOMELESS

If you are 17 and up to your 18th birthday and run away, you may be picked up by a police officer and returned home. This is a status offense and may result in a referral to Family Court. Running

away is not considered a legal offense if you are 16 or older.

No matter how old you are, running away is a serious matter and is not always the best way to deal with your problems.

If you must get out of the house to think things over, it's better to go to "A Friend's House," a youth shelter located in Middletown, New York. A Friend's House offers a 13-bed group care facility that will address the needs of runaway and homeless youth on a 24-hour basis. Ages: 0 - 17. Medical and counseling services.

A Friend's House 343-0970
Youth Shelter 343-0968

38 Seward Ave., Suite 700 Middletown NY 10940

E-mail: ehgrhv@citlink.net

Web: www.emergencyhousinggroup.org

National Runaway Hotline 1-800-231-6946

PO Box 12428 Austin Texas 78711

National Runaway Switchboard/Adolescent Suicide Hotline 1-800-RUNAWAY

Crisis intervention, information and referrals.

Living Independently through New Knowledge and Skills 342-5713

LINKS Aftercare Program

38 Seward Ave., Suite 300 Middletown NY 10940

E-mail: ehgceo@citlink.net

Provides case management services for youth ages 16-21 years of age who reside within Orange County. Case managers make referrals to corresponding agencies, assist with basic needs such as food and clothing, education, advocacy and employment. They also help formulate realistic goal plans for the young person.

Youth Street Outreach 343-0970
343-0968

38 Seward Ave., Suite 700 Middletown NY 10940

Serves youth 12-21 years of age. Will listen to and assist with any issues the youth may have and provide referrals to agencies that can help.

Emergency Housing Group 343-7115

38 Seward Ave Middletown NY 10940

Homeless shelter for 18 years & older single persons and families.

Housing Resource Alliance 956-4663

65 Seward Avenue Middletown, NY 10940
Experiencing a housing crisis? Behind on your rent? Facing eviction? Homeless? The Housing Resource Alliance can help.

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

The law requires that all males, when they reach their 18th birthday, register with the Selective Service at your local Post Office.

Military Recruiting Offices

Air Force

Middletown **343-8875**

Newburgh **561-1501**

Army
 Middletown 343-1006
 Newburgh 561-2563

National Guard
 Newburgh 563-2190

Marines
 Middletown 343-4912

Navy
 Middletown 343-1025

SERVICE CLUBS

Service clubs such as the Elks, Lions, Kiwanis, Junior League, and Rotary usually exist in each locality. For information, please call your local town, city or village hall.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The laws are changing with regard to eligibility for Public Assistance and Medicaid. For more information call your local office.

DSS also operates a wide variety of services such as:

Child Protection-Adult Protection
 Child Care- Adoption
 Foster Care- Housing Programs
 Domestic Violence Protection

Orange County Dept Social Services
 Box Z Quarry Road Goshen NY 10924 291-4000
 104 2nd St. Newburgh NY 12550 568-5100
 150 Pike St Port Jervis NY 12550 858-1420
 33 Fulton Plaza Middletown NY 10940 346-1120

Adult & Children's Services 291-2800
 23 Hatfield Lane Goshen, NY 10924
 The Department of Social Services main number operates as an informational and referral service for all inquiries made regarding applications for services. DSS operates several sites throughout the county.

Medicare 565-7041

Rural Opportunities Inc./Section 8 Housing
 343-0771
 130 Dolson Ave. Middletown, NY 10940

Orange County United Way 457-4774
 15 Scotts Corners Drive Third Fl.
 P.O. Box 397, Montgomery, N.Y. 12549
E-mail: OCUW@frontiernet.net
 Referral agency for community persons and funding resource to not-for-profit agencies in Orange County.

TRAVEL / STUDY ABROAD

Passports
 Passport application forms can be obtained from the County Clerk's office 291-2690
 Completed applications must be submitted in

person with:

1. Birth certificate with raised seal (Not a hospital certificate) and filing date.
2. Driver's license or other acceptable identification. If under 18 and you do not have a driver's license, you must have parent or identifying witness.
3. Two duplicate 2" square passport type photos with plain background, fees are \$30 for those under 18 for a 5-year passport and \$55 for those over 18 for a 10-year passport. An additional \$10 filing fee is required. Applications take a minimum of 2 weeks to process.

Youth for Understanding USA 1-800-USA-0200 International Exchange (Regional)

Information regarding being a host family for foreign exchange students.

Youth for Understanding USA 1-800-Teen Age (International)

Provides home stay program for 15-18 year-old high school students. Summer, semester and full year program available.

Short line bus Terminal
 Rt. 17K Newburgh NY 12550 561-0734
 14 Railroad Ave Middletown NY 10940 343-3903
 70 Millpond Parkway Monroe, NY 10950 782-8141
Web: www.Shortlinebus.com

Stewart International Airport 564-7200
 Orange County Airport 457-4925
 La Guardia International Airport 718 476-5000
 Newark International Airport 973-961-6000
 Kennedy International Airport 718-244-4444

Dial-A-Bus

Demand responsive, open to the public, curb to curb. A minimal charge is required. Dial-A-Bus service is available within the limits of the communities listed below. Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance. The Dial-A-Buses are wheelchair lift-equipped.

Towns of Goshen & Chester 294-8920
 Town of Highlands 446-RIDE
 Town of Monroe 783-6222
 Towns of Montgomery & Crawford 457-2622
 Towns of New Windsor & Cornwall 563-4640
 Town of Newburgh 566-9498
 City of Port Jervis 856-7999
 Town of Wallkill 692-7852
 Town of Warwick 986-2877

Main Line Trolley Bus 343-3903

Trolley runs from Middletown, Goshen, Chester, Monroe, Harriman, and Woodbury Commons.

TRAIN
Amtrak 800-872-7245
Web: www.Amtrak.com

Metro North 800-638-7646

New Jersey Transit
Web: www.NJTransit.com

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Motor vehicles to travel on public roads or property must be registered. Those who operate them must be licensed.

The Department of Motor Vehicles is responsible for both registration and licenses. Contact: Motor Vehicle Bureau, Main St, Goshen at **291-3090**.

Registering Your Car

In order to register your car you must have proof of ownership and proof of insurance. Registration fees are based on the weight of your car. Call the Motor Vehicle Bureau for more information.

Obtaining a Driver's License

Driver applicants between the ages 16-18 must hold a learners' permit for six months prior to becoming eligible for a junior license, effective September 1, 2003. After which, you may apply for a Junior Operator, Class D license. This license is subject to restrictions which vary in different parts of the state. To apply for your first license, obtain and study the New York State Motor

Vehicle Driver's Manual, then go to a motor vehicle office, fill out an application and a learner's permit form, pay a non-refundable application fee, and take the vision and written test. You will pay the license fee after you've qualified for a license by passing a road test. For a junior license, your parent or legal guardian must sign the consent section of the application. If you are under 18, the person who signed the application may withdraw consent by signing an appropriate form.

Motorcycle Licenses

In New York State, you must have a separate license to operate a motorcycle on public highways. To apply for this license, you must study the New York State Motorcycle Operator's Manual and then fill out the license application and learner's permit forms at any motor vehicle office

For more information call the Motor Vehicle Department at 291-3090.

Orange County Government

Department:	Phone:	Department:	Phone:
Aging Office	291-2150	Jurors	291-4040
Airport	457-4925	Law Department	291-3150
Budget	291-2020	Law Library	291-3138
Community Development	291-2424	Legal Aid Society	291-2454
Consumer Affairs	291-2400	Mental Health Assessment Team	291-2600 291-2140
County Attorney	291-3150	Sex Abuse Treatment Unit	291-2148
Family Court Unit	291-2650	Motor Vehicle	291-3090
County Clerk	291-2690	Orange Arts	291-2136
County Executive	291-2700	Parks	457-4900
Court-County	291-3100	Payroll	291-2030
Court-Family	291-3030	Personnel	291-2707
Court- Supreme	291-3111	Planning	291-2318
Court-Surrogate	291-2193	Probation	291-4750
District Attorney	291-2050	Property Management	291-2491
Elections, Board of	291-2444	Public Works	291-2750
Emergency Services	291-3001	Purchasing	291-2792
Emergency Communications	291-2911	Real Property Tax Service	291-2490
Emergency Management	291-3199	Records Management	291-2667
Emergency Medical Services	374-1920	Residential Health Care	291-4740
Employee Assistance Program	291-4060	Risk Management	291-2133
Employment & Training	291-2450	Sheriff	291-4033
Environmental Facilities & Services	291-2640	Social Services	291-4000
Ethics, Board of	291-2462	Adult&Children's Services	291-2800
Finance	291-2488	Child Protective Services	291-2800
Fire Coordinator	374-1900	Foster Adoption Home Find	291-2800
Health	291-2332	Fraud/Special Investigation	291-4298
Historian	291-2388	Food Stamps/Medicaid	291-4000
Human Rights	291-2191	Support Collection Unit	291-4288
Information Services	291-2310	Tax Map	291-2498
Jail	291-7618	Tourism	291-2136
		Veterans	291-2470
		Weights & Measures	291-2400
		Water Authority	291-4861
		Youth Bureau	615-3620

Orange County Municipal Offices

Cities:	Address:	Phone:	Villages:	Address:	Phone:
Middletown	16 James Street	346-4101	Chester	47 Main St	469-2388
Newburgh	83 Broadway	569-7300	Cornwall-on-Hudson	325 Hudson St	534-4200
Port Jervis	14-20 Hammond St.	858-4014	Florida	33 S Main St	651-7815
			Goshen	276 Main St	294-6750
Towns:	Address:	Phone:	Greenwood Lake	18 Church St	477-9215
Blooming Grove	6 Horton Rd.	496-3895	Harriman	1 Church St	783-4421
Chester	1786 Kings Hwy	469-7000	Highland Falls	303 Main St	446-3400
Cornwall	183 Main St.	534-9100	Kiryas Joel	51 Forest Rd	783-8300
Crawford	121. Rte 302	744-2029	Maybrook	109 Main St	427-2717
Deerpark	420 Rte 209	856-5705	Monroe	7 Stage Rd	782-8341
Goshen	41 Webster Ave.	294-6250	Montgomery	133 Clinton St	457-9661
Greenville	1537 Rte 6	856-5064	Otisville	66 Highland Ave	386-5172
Hamptonburgh	18 Bull Rd	427-2424	Tuxedo Park	80 Lorillard Rd	351-4745
Highland	254 Main St.	446-4280	Unionville	7 Main St	726-3681
Minisink	20 Roy Smith Dr	726-3700	Walden	1 Municipal Sq	778-2177
Monroe	11 Stage Rd	783-1900	Warwick	77 Main St	986-2031
Montgomery	110 Bracken Rd	457-2660	Washingtonville	29 W Main St	496-3221
Mount Hope	1706 Rt. 211 W	386-2211			
New Windsor	555 Union Ave.	563-4600			
Newburgh	496 Rte 300	564-4554			
Tuxedo	1 Temple Dr	351-4411			
Wallkill	600 Rt. 211 E	692-7800			
Warwick	132 Kings Hwy	986-1124			
Wawayanda	80 Ridgebury Hill Rd	355-5700			
Woodbury	511 Rte 32	928-6829			

Orange County Fire Departments

Air National Guard	563-2731
Bullville	343-1010
Campbell Hall	427-2888
Central Valley	928-6080
Chester	911
Circleville	911
Coldenham Fire District	564-1121
Cornwall-on-Hudson	534-8100
Cornwall (Town) Canterbury	
Firthcliffe, Mountainville	534-8100
Cornwall Village (Storm)	
King Engine Company	534-8100
Cronomer Valley	564-1233
Cuddebackville	754-8421
Florida	651-4500
Fort Montgomery	446-7116
Goodwill Fire Department	562-1414
Goshen	294-6002
Greenville	856-1101
Greenwood Lake	477-9211
Harriman	294-7711
Highland Falls	911
Highland Mills	928-6070
Howells	343-4441
Huguenot	856-6000
Johnson	343-2000
Kiryas Joel	783-3310
Maybrook	427-2244
Mechanicstown	343-1016
Middle Hope Fire District	561-3411
Middletown	343-4000
Monroe Fire Company	782-5678
Monroe (Lake Side)	782-5678
Monroe (Village)	783-6791
Montgomery	457-5231
Mountain Lodge Park	294-5700
New Hampton	374-5151
New Windsor	562-3660
Newburgh	569-7415
Orange Lake	564-2222
Otisville	386-3601
Pine Bush	744-2681
Pine Island	258-7000
Pocatelto	911
Port Jervis	858-1100
Salisbury Mill Fire Dist.	496-6161
Silver Lake	343-2311
Slate Hill	355-3456
South Blooming Grove	294-8484
Sparrowbush	856-4404
Tuxedo (Town)	351-4211
Tuxedo Park	351-2222
Unionville	344-1911
Vails Gate Fire Dist.	561-2020
Walden	778-5521
Warwick	986-4000
Washington Heights	343-1354
Washingtonville	294-6232
Washingtonville (Village)	911
West Point	446-4949
Winona Lake Fire Co.	565-3838

Woodbury 928-2341

Orange County Police Departments

City of Middletown	343-3151
City of Newburgh	561-3131
City of Port Jervis	856-5101
Town of Blooming Grove	496-9161
Town of Chester	469-9311
Town of Cornwall	534-8100
Town of Crawford	744-3300
Town of Deerpark	856-4333
Town of Goshen	294-9555
Town of Montgomery	457-9211
Town of Mount Hope	386-9442
Town of New Windsor	565-7000
Town of Newburgh	564-1100
Town of Tuxedo	351-5111
Town of Walkill	692-6757
Town of Warwick	986-3423
Town of Woodbury	928-2341
Village of Chester	469-4681
Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson	534-8100
Village of Florida	651-7800
Village of Goshen	294-7988
Village of Greenwood Lake	477-9211
Village of Harriman	782-6644
Village of Highland Falls	446-4911
Village of Maybrook	427-2226
Village of Monroe	782-8644
Village of Montgomery	457-3666
Village of Tuxedo Park	351-4741
Village of Walden	778-5595
Village of Warwick	986-3423
Village of Washingtonville	496-9123

New York State Police

Middletown-Troop F Headquarters	344-5300
Monroe	782-8311
Pine Bush	744-3891
Walden	778-7111
Warwick	986-4300

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EMERGENCY & 800 Numbers

AIDS Treatment Info.	800-HIV-0440	National Clearinghouse for Alcohol & Drug Info	800-729-6686
AIDS Counseling and Testing Hotline	800-872-2777	National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence	800-622-2255
AIDS line	800-992-1442	National Criminal Justice Ref Service	800-851-3420
Alcohol Abuse Info.	800-522-5353	National Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-SAFE
Al-Anon/Alateen Meeting Info	800-245-4656	National Drug Control Policy Clearinghouse	800-666-3332
Alternative for Battered Women	800-503-HOPE	National Drug Hotline	800-662-4357
American Academy of Pediatrics	800-433-9016	National Health Information Center	800-336-4797
American Diabetes Association	800-232-3472	National Mental Health Assoc.	800-969-6642
American Lyme Disease Association	800-876-lyme	National Runaway Switchboard	800-621-4000
Asthma/Allergy Foundation	800-727-8462	National Child Alliance	800-239-9950
Autism Society of America	800-3autism	National Org for Victim Assistance	800-879-6682
Bureau of Justice Assistance Clearinghouse	800-851-3420	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-TALK
CDC National Aids Clearinghouse	800-458-5231	NYS Advocate for Persons w/ Disabilities	800-522-4369
CDC National STD Hotline	800-227-8922	NYS Child Abuse 24 hour Hotline	800-342-3720
Child Abuse & Maltreatment (Spanish) Resource Center	800-342-3720	NYS Adult Domestic Violence 24 hour Hotline	800-942-6906
Child Find of America	800-I-am-lost	NYS Adult Domestic Violence 24 hour Hotline (Spanish)	800-942-6908
Child Help USA	800-4a-child	NYS Board of Elections Voter Registration	800-367-8683
Child Help (TDD/hearing impaired)	800-2a-child	NYS DEC Camping Reservations	800-456-2267
Covenant House Hotline	800-999-9999	NYS Missing & Exploited Children Clearinghouse	800-346-3543
Cure Autism Now	888-8autism	NYS Office of Alcohol & Substance Abuse Services	800-522-5353
Crisis Switchboard	800-621-4000	NYS Tax Forms & Questions	800-225-5829
Danny Foundation (Crib Safety)	800-833-2669	Occupations, Inc. Mobile Mental Health Team	845-294-2155
Domestic Violence Hotline	800-942-6906	Poison Control	800-336-6997
Drug Abuse/Hotline	800-522-5353	Prevention Information Resource Center	800-342-PIRC
DSS Daycare Complaint Hotline	800-732-5207	Orange County Helpline/Rape Line	800-832-1200
Epilepsy Foundation of America	800-EFA1000	Red Cross (local-294-9785)	800-442-5980
Help and Human Service Referral Line	211	Senior Hotline	800-342-9871
HUD Drug Info & Strategy Clearinghouse	800-578-3472	Sex Offender Registry	800-262-3257
Insurance Problems/Complaints	800-342-3736	First Candle/SIDS Alliance	800-221-SIDS
Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse	800-851-3420	Social Security Administration	800-772-1213
Cancer Info. Services	800-422-6237	Suicide Calls	800-832-1200
Child Health Plus Program	800-698-4543	Orange County Sheriff's Department	845-291-4033
MADD NY Office	800-245-6233	Teen Hot Line /Help Line	800-832-1200
Mobile Mental Health Unit	888-750-2266		
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance	800-826-3632		
National Info. Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities	800-695-0285		
National Voice on Mental Illness	800-950nami		
National Alliance for Youth Sports	800-729-2057		

