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The Huntington Youth Bureau Youth Development Research Institute, Inc. (The Institute) is a community based, non-profit corporation. The Institute was established in 1979, and has as its primary goal the creation, promotion and implementation of programs and services, which stresses youth development and meets the expressed and demonstrated needs of youth and their families in the Town of Huntington. For more info, please see our website [www. hybdri.org](http://www.hybdri.org)

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## Huntington Youth Bureau System



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## Huntington Drug and Alcohol Counseling / Education Center



The Huntington Drug & Alcohol Counseling/Education Center is a state licensed, outpatient chemical dependency treatment/prevention provider. We are a community based, not-for-profit agency licensed and funded by the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services, in conjunction with Suffolk County and the Town of Huntington. We offer individual, group, couples and family counseling to individuals who are abusing substances, those who are at risk of becoming drug involved and their families. Prevention Services include presentations in schools and throughout the community on various health-related topics.

### *Too Good for Drugs:*

The Prevention Services Component of Huntington Drug and Alcohol has been providing the “Too Good for Drugs” program in several middle and intermediate schools throughout the Town of Huntington. The program will also be offered in elementary schools in the coming weeks.

### *Highlights*

The Too Good for Drugs Program for grades 3rd-5th incorporates fundamental elements of social and emotional learning into interactive activities that give students the tools to be successful in the classroom and beyond. The Too Good for Drugs Program for grades 6th-8th empowers teens to meet the challenges of middle school life, fostering confidence and building resistance to violence and substance abuse. The Too Good Program for grades 9th-12th provides teenagers with real world challenges faced in high school by exploring practical guidance for understanding dating and relationships, violence and conflict, underage drinking, substance abuse and healthy friendships. We are looking forward to the spring in the schools and are excited to teach students that they are Too Good for Drugs!

If you are interested in having this program at your school or would like more information please contact Annie or Lisa at (631) 271-3591 or by email: [prevention@hda.hybydri.org](mailto:prevention@hda.hybydri.org) to schedule this awesome program!

### *Current Events*

April 18th: Parent University at Walt Whitman High School

Title: Is My Child Using Drugs/Alcohol: What Today's Parent Needs to Know

Target Audience: Secondary

This presentation is designed to provide an overview of usage trends among middle and high school students. Topics also include warning signs of substance use and abuse among youth, strategies to help your child make positive choices, how to effectively talk to your children about drugs and alcohol and available resources if your child or someone you know is in trouble. If you would like Drug and Alcohol services to present at your parent or community event please call (631) 271-3591.

## Huntington Sanctuary Project

Sanctuary is a specialized project that assists youth between the ages of 12 and 21 who run away or are at risk of running away from home. Sanctuary's professional staff members provide individual, family and group counseling, crisis intervention, and referrals to short-term emergency housing and/or long term independent living programs. All of our services are confidential and free of cost for all Town of Huntington residents.



### **Volunteers Needed!**



Huntington Sanctuary, a specialized project of the Huntington Youth Bureau Youth Development Research Institute, is seeking adult volunteers to become Host Homes. Host Homes are families or individual adults that volunteer to provide temporary shelter to youth between ages 12 and 17 who are experiencing a crisis with their family of origin. Youth who enter Sanctuary's Host Home program are thoroughly screened by Sanctuary's professional staff. A typical stay is one or two nights, with a maximum stay of 21 days. Once certified as a Host Home, a family reserves the right to turn down a youth placement at any time and for any reason. On average, each of Sanctuary's Host Homes houses one to two youth annually. If you are interested in opening your heart and your home to a teen in your community or if you'd like more information about the Host Home program, please contact Jennifer Petti at (631) 271-2183.

### **Current Events**

Spring of 2013, Sanctuary will continue to provide our weekly Adolescent Anger Management Group at our office in the Village Green Center at 423 Park Avenue in Huntington (same building as the Cinema Arts Centre). The group is held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm. For more information, please contact Jessica Lombardo at (631) 271-2183.

## Huntington Youth Court



Established in 2000, Huntington Youth Court (HYC) is a community-based prevention and intervention program designed to provide an alternative to the juvenile justice system for first time misdemeanor juvenile offenders.

Huntington Youth Court Program is run for youth by youth. Youth offenders under 16, who have committed their first misdemeanor crime, are given the opportunity to have their case heard by a jury of their peers. Volunteer youth perform the roles of prosecuting and defending attorney, judge, bailiff and jury.

Huntington Youth Court celebrated its 13th year of operation by inducting 36 new members at Huntington Town Hall on January 9, 2013. The new members performed a mock trial for their parents and other attendees to showcase what they learned during Youth Court's ten week training program. In addition, one of the senior graduating members of Youth Court was invited to speak about his experience over the past four years with the Huntington Youth Court Program. His words were inspiring and it motivated the new class of Youth Court members.

Prior to being sworn in, each youth volunteer attended a two hour training each week, for a period of 10 weeks. Weekly trainings included topics such as Conflict Resolution, Restorative Justice, Juvenile Law and Trial and Courtroom Etiquette. Volunteer youth learned how to prosecute and defend a juvenile offender, the proper way to address the judge in the courtroom and how to give opening and closing statements. After completing these trainings, participants must pass a "bar exam" and then a further their skills by practicing "mock" trials. The concept of Restorative Justice also played a major role in how these youth would hold offenders accountable for their crime. The goal is not to punish the offender but to rehabilitate and facilitate the process of these youth to become better citizens.

### Current events

*Huntington Youth Court is hosting bi-weekly Mock Trials for all its members.*

*Mock Trials will take place at Village Green Center, Room 104, 423 Park Avenue from 5:30-7:00pm.*

*March dates: Wednesday, March 6 and March 20*

*April dates: Wednesday, April 3 and April 17*

*For more information, please contact*

*Maria Danisi at (631) 271-5547*







## FACILE

FACILE (Family Advocacy Crisis Intervention and Life Education) aka The Manor Field Family Center (MFFC) is pleased to be a part of the Huntington Youth Bureau System, a comprehensive service delivery system providing integrated services to youth and families throughout the Township of Huntington. What makes FACILE unique is that at the core of FACILE’s work is the focus on family. As we all know, youth do not function in isolation. They live within a family system, within peer groups and within a community structure. FACILE’s work concentrates on assessing and supporting what is needed for youth and their families to flourish in a more stable and healthy fashion.

### Highlights from Manor Field Family Center

On any given day, the Manor Field Family Center’s waiting room is full of community members who are waiting patiently to see one of the bilingual community advocates, to receive a referral to the Community Food Council, waiting to meet with the facilitated enroller from The Health and Welfare Council or to look through the donations that have been dropped off. Manor Field is a place where people can go if they have a problem and do not know where to turn. The trained staff will assess their situation and provide support, linkages and options that may be available to them.

In addition, many youth programs are offered to the local community. Some exciting programs provided are girl’s discussion groups, visits to the Suffolk County 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct, Operation Success and individual tutoring. We are looking forward to partnering with UFCW 342 and St. John’s Church of Huntington to distribute 100 Easter Baskets to local children and give them the opportunity to get a picture with the Easter Bunny.

Also, program participants from Operation Success will be taking a trip to Station Sports where they will play arcade games and have a load of fun as a reward for doing well in school.

We look forward to gearing up for summer programs and trips and ending the summer with “Backpacks for Back to School” which provides over 750 children the supplies they need to start the school year off right!

In partnership  
with UFCW 342  
and  
St. John’s Church  
of Huntington



**Have your picture taken with  
The Easter Bunny  
and  
get an Easter Basket**

on  
Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
at  
Manor Field Family Center  
90 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Huntington Sta, NY 11746

4:00pm-6:00pm

\*Children up to age 13\*

\*YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS PROGRAM\*  
Each child must have a completed registration form and  
photo release signed by a parent or guardian

For registration contact:  
Jonelle Redmond  
90 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Huntington Sta, NY 11746  
(631) 425-9694 ext. 229



## Tri Community and Youth Agency



For 41 years, the Tri CYA has provided a broad range of educational, developmental, social and recreational programs, in addition to providing counseling and advocacy. Tri CYA drop in center is very active Monday through Saturday with activities from cooking to sewing to swimming. All programs are provided to youth FREE of charge.

### Accomplishments

Project T.O.Y. a joint program with Family Service League served 1,019 families town wide who were in need of help for the holidays. Families were able to pick two new gifts for each of their children aged newborn to 13. We are very grateful to all the wonderful donors and volunteers, without whom this event would not be possible.

Tri CYA's homework help program is very active with both students receiving assistance and students giving assistance with homework.. Tri CYA was awarded a grant from AT&T. The monies allowed for the purchase of computers to be utilized by youth who attend the homework help on a daily basis.

The West Hills Road site is very active with the addition of two new workers and lots of outreach. High School youth can be found there on a daily basis, playing pool, doing homework and socializing in a positive supervised environment.

Natural Helpers is a program provided to youth at Huntington High School.

The Natural Helpers program is based on a simple premise: Within every school, an informal "helping network" exists. Students with problems naturally seek out other students and occasionally teachers or other school staff whom they trust.

This year 90 students participated in the mandatory training retreat facilitated by the Assistant Director of Tri CYA and the Dean of Huntington High School.



### Highlights

The annual Black History month celebration held on February 28th showcased youth's talents. Approximately 200 community members came out to support students from Huntington, Harborfields, Walt Whitman and John Glenn High Schools.

### Save the date :

Kyle Abraham an extraordinary dancer with his troupe will be performing at the Summer Arts Festival on August 4, 2013 in Huntington. Please visit our website for a full listing of current program offerings.

[http://www.tricya.org/TriCYA\\_Programs.cfm](http://www.tricya.org/TriCYA_Programs.cfm)

## Youth Directions and Alternatives



Youth Directions and Alternatives is a private, non-profit community and youth agency serving youth and their families in the school district of Elwood, Harborfields and Northport/East Northport.

YDA programs emphasize the positive development of youth. Our professional staff are facilitators who believe that youth can do things for themselves if given the opportunity and support. Youth are encouraged to plan, implement and evaluate their own projects under adult guidance. By incorporating this philosophy of empowerment into our programs, youth learn valuable life planning skills and the coping mechanisms needed to navigate adulthood.

### Accomplishments

Fall 2012 was perfectly fun in every way for the youth who participated in our flag football, homework help and kickball programs. A large group of kids also went on trips to exciting places like Medieval Times, Camp Paquatuck Spooky Walk, Gingerbread University, Lewin’s Farm and Lazerland. As we transitioned from Fall to Winter from pumpkins to snowmen YDA didn’t skip a beat. Youth enjoyed a Hunter Mountain Ski Trip, High School Band Nights, Paintball and fun themed Drop-Ins on the schedule not to mention a weekly Basketball program for middle and high school students. Please call the friendly folks at YDA 261-7901 or like us on Facebook for more info.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Music Madness on Main Street in Northport on March 22nd.

Please contact YDA at 631-261-7901

Annual Bowl-a-Rama on Sunday, April 21st from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. @

Larkfield Lanes 332 Larkfield Road, East Northport.

Please visit our website for a full listing of current program offerings.

<http://ydaonline.org/ActivityCalendar.cfm>



## REACH Community and Youth Agency



REACH Community and Youth Agency, Inc. is a community centered, non-profit organization providing social, recreational, informational, educational and advocacy programs for children, youth and families of Commack and Half Hollow Hills.

A broad range of programs are available to middle and high school youth.

Programs are held during the school day, afterschool, evenings, weekends, summer and holidays. Most programs are free of charge.

### Current events

REACH CYA school year programs are in full-swing. Middle and high school students continue to enjoy and grow in our after school homework help and socialization programs, evening basketball programs, babysitting workshops and Friday night Recreational Center. Our Youth Workers act as mentors and are committed to safely supervising youth and helping them reach their full potential as responsible, healthy young adults.

\*New Program Offering: Character Education Jeopardy – Youth workers equipped with a portable jeopardy board and wireless buzzers are scheduled to visit 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade health classes to educate students about character traits such as Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

\*New Program Offering: “Karaoke With A Cause” – REACH CYA’s community service singing group! Karaoke-style performances of old classic songs will be scheduled at senior centers all year long!

### ANNOUNCEMENT:

Flapjack breakfast to support REACH CYA. Saturday, March 23rd from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. @ APPLEBEE’s of Huntington 360 Walt Whitman Road.

Please visit our website for a full listing of current program offerings.

<http://www.reachcya.org/calendar.html>



# Huntington Youth Bureau

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