

YOUTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

6 Fairfield Blvd

Wallingford

Office: 203-294-2175

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Monday - Friday

Hours 9-5pm

6 Fairfield Blvd

(share the building with Park N Rec)



1st Patio on the left

WELCOME TO WALLINGFORD YOUTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

When you stop by or make a call to YSS, you will meet Kelly Schaffer. She is the backbone of this Department!



DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

YSS provides programs, activities and services that promote both a positive, healthy community and develop healthy, capable young people and families. We also provide Services to families in need during times of crisis.

Assistance Programs

Community – Wide Activities & Programs

Counseling and Education Programs

Youth Services

WE CARE WALLINGFORD EARLY CHILDHOOD ALLIANCE RESOURCES AND EDUCATION



Playful Cruisers

- Playgroups for families with children from birth to 5 years old.
- Classes offered Monday through Friday following the Wallingford school calendar.
- One Class a week in a 12 week session.
- Time: 9:30am to 11:00am.
- Program is free.
- Children participate in
 - Playtime
 - Craft
 - Story time
 - Singing and Dancing
- Caregivers are present.

Bebes Activos *(Bilingual)*

located at Spanish Community of Wallingford 12:30-2:00pm

** The Town of Wallingford is not licensed with the Office of Early Childhood and is not required to do so.*

YOUTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE STAFF



Director

Mandy Miranda

Social Services Case Worker

Kim Stein

Program Coordinator

Gary Redman

Assistant Program Coordinator

David Raccio

Counselor

Marion Gracey

DIRECTOR - MANDY MIRANDA

- Oversight of the Department
- Alternative to Suspension Program
- Diversion Program
 - Police
 - School
- Educational Programs
- Collaboration within Wallingford
 - Town Agencies
 - Non-Profit

Availability is 5 days a week

- Monday through Friday
- 9am- 5pm
- Hours can be flexible due to programming and meetings.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BULLETIN BOARD

Volunteer Opportunities

YSS has an ever changing and growing list of Community Service Opportunities within the Town. Please Contact YSS for opportunities!



May is Mental Health Awareness Month!!

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month!!



Educational Programs Focused around the Topic of the MONTH!

SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

CASEWORKER - KIM STEIN

Energy Assistance

- Electric
 - Requires a signed Release of Information
- Natural Gas
 - Does Not Require a Release of Information but we do need your name, full account number and address
- Deliverable Fuels

Food Assistance

- Food Vouchers for Emergency
- Referral Source to Local Pantries

In addition,

- Provide Information, Referral, and Advocate for other assistance
- Help Clients with Assistance Applications
- Limited Funds are available to help with Special Emergency Circumstances

Availability is 5 days a week

- Monday through Friday
- 9am- 5pm
- By appointment

SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM THANKSGIVING FOOD ASSISTANCE



Donation of Turkeys and gift cards from the Lion's Club in November

Referrals are Always Welcome!!



SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM HOLIDAY FOR GIVING



Provides food to individuals and families

Provides toys for children (1-7 years old)

Applications are Available at YSS

Always need donations and volunteers,
especially bi-lingual volunteers



SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM ON THE TEAM



Scholarships for school age children to participate in organized sports and leagues
Funding is available all year



PROGRAM COORDINATOR - GARY REDMAN

- Create, Implement & Maintain Programming for the Youth in the Community.
- Programs include,
 - Peer Advocates
 - Summer Youth Employment
 - Babysitting Program
- Collaboration & Partnerships with Other Agencies
 - SCOW
 - Coalition for a Better Wallingford
 - CT Stem Academy
 - Project Graduation
 - Wallingford School System

Availability is 5 days a week

- Monday through Friday
- 9am- 5pm
- Hours can be flexible due to programming.

ASSISTANT PROGRAM COORDINATOR - DAVID RACCIO

- Assists the Program Coordinator overall with program ideas & implementation.
- Specific Program Involvement, includes
 - Youth Summer Employment Program
 - Peer Advocates
 - Youth Job Bank
- Additional assistance with other programs within Town,
 - i.e. Vaccination Clinics, Playful Cruisers, Community Events and Meetings

Availability is 4 days a week:

- Monday through Thursday
- 10am -4pm
- Hours can be flexible due to programming.

PROJECT GRADUATION 2021

Wallingford 2021 Seniors will be Celebrating at



This year!!



WALLINGFORD PROJECT GRADUATION

Clothing Drive

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD ITEM DONATION DRIVE

SATURDAY – MAY 1ST, 2021

9:00-12:00

WALLINGFORD YOUTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
6 Fairfield Boulevard (Park & Rec Bldg.) – Wallingford, CT
DRIVE THRU DROP OFF

CLOTHING AND SHOES
Gently used men's women's and kids clothing and all shoes and boots
Drapes, curtains, rugs, towels, etc.

ACCESSORIES
Pocketbooks, belts, Backpacks hats, scarves, gloves, etc.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
Fabric Items only such as blankets sheets, comforters, pillows, quilts

TOYS
ONLY Soft Toys
stuffed animals, rag dolls, beanie babies, bicycles

CANNOT ACCEPT
Books, VCR tapes, CD's, Appliances, furniture, car seats, playpens, bouncers, highchairs, hard toys, strollers, electronics

Project Graduation will receive a donation for the total poundage that we collect. Please put clothing/fabric items in a plastic bag, toys in boxes, shoes in a bag or box. Items collected by A&E Clothing Corp. in NJ (www.aeclothing.net)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DROP OFF DONATIONS EARLIER THAN MAY 1ST, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT ANDRENA GAGLIARDI (203)444-4771 OR KELLY LAGASE (203)605-7178

COUNSELOR - MARION GRACEY

- Works with Children (under the age of 18) and their Families
- Children and Families who are going through transitions or difficult times.
- Issues that may be impacting:
 - Family
 - School
 - Future goals
 - Overall Wellness

Availability is 2 days a week:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 12-6pm
- If necessary, can be flexible and work with the families schedule.

WEBSITE

WWW.WALLINGFORD.CT.US
UNDER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT

EMAIL

YSS@WALLINGFORDCT.GOV

Questions??

Thank You!