IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK



"I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship."

-Brené Brown

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A FAMILY'S GUIDE

to the case management and educational resources we provide to address the needs of youth in Schenectady County.

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SUPPORT FOR YOUTH

SUPPORT FOR GUARDIANS

The Safe Harbour Case Management Program is a trauma-informed, strength based, voluntary service and is offered to young people up until the age of 24.

Our goals are to empower youth through safety planning and introducing supportive resources as a strategy to reduce vulnerability and risky behavior.

Safety planning for empowerment includes education and outreach around social, physical, emotional, mental, financial, cyber and sexual safety, including a clear understanding of the definition of consent.

One-on-one mentoring services include working side by side with youth and acknowledging their voice, enthusiasm and abilities, while allowing them to define their own service plan and strive towards leading authentic, meaningful and positive lives.

As a voluntary service, youth may enter into and leave services at any time without judgment. As adults, we need to acknowledge youth are exploring their identity, interests and relationships. As a result, their definition of safety may be different than our own which can sometimes lead to risky behaviors and decisions.

Safe Harbour acknowledges and speaks to those differences while encouraging youth to trust their instincts and seek family, peer and community support

Working alongside parents, guardians and/or Caseworkers, Safe Harbour strives to assist with understanding and practicing risk tolerance and safety planning as a strategy for risk reduction.

Additionally, we provide you support in assisting youth with:

- Developing a greater sense of self
- Coping with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Building and strengthening resiliency
- Developing or maintaining positive, healthy, and long lasting relationships
- Pursuing post-secondary educational and career opportunities
- Becoming engaged citizens



PREVENTION EDUCATION YOUTH WORKSHOPS

- Building Skills for Healthy Relationships
- Safety Planning & Harm Reduction
- Online Safety Pledge
- You've Shared Photos....Now What?
- Safe Harbour ArtReach
- Peer Support & Youth Focus Groups

