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## OUR MISSION

**AGING:** To ensure Greene County's older adults (age 60 and older) stay independent for as long as possible and have a network of supportive services available.

**YOUTH:** To help coordinate youth services for children and young people, birth to 21, in Greene County, by providing technical assistance to municipalities, private agencies and groups in program development, evaluation, financial planning, program management and training.

### **Our goals are to**

- ♥ Assist older adults in maintaining and/or improving their social, economic, health, safety and nutritional status so they can safely age in place
- ♥ Ensure a network of supportive services to assist Greene County's residents, young and old alike, and their caregivers
- ♥ Advocate for young and old alike.
- ♥ Work together with the Advisory Council to the Greene County Department for the Aging, and the Greene County Youth Advisory Board to recommend ways to provide opportunities that improve the lives of senior citizens and youth of the County.

*Agency staff specialize in a variety of subjects. While walk-ins can sometimes be seen, the person who can best assist you may be with someone, out of the office, or doing a home visit. To make sure you are served by the person whose expertise is in your area of need, we recommend you call to set-up an appointment.*

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# GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' - WHERE CARING PEOPLE HELP

## OUR SERVICES

We inform the Greene County Community of our programs, events & emergency notices via:

- ♥ Greene County web page and REGROUP (County wide emergency program)
- ♥ Facebook page
- ♥ Our own newsletter, The Greene County Round Table News
- ♥ Local Area newspapers & media outlets

### AGING SERVICES

#### NUTRITION:

- ♥ Home-delivered Meals to eligible homebound seniors
- ♥ Congregate Meals at our Greene County Rivertown Senior Center in Athens, as well as our Senior Nutrition Sites in Acra, Catskill, Jewett and Coxsackie
- ♥ Nutrition Education and Counseling
- ♥ NYS Farmer's Market Checks

#### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT:

- ♥ Caregivers Information, Assistance, and Support.
- ♥ Respite Workers

#### EISEP (IN-HOME):

- ♥ Case Management
- ♥ Homemakers & Personal Care Aides
- ♥ Personal Emergency Response System
- ♥ Ageless Innovations - Animatronic Pets
- ♥ ElliQ

HEAP: Application Help

#### HIICAP

- Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance

#### LEGAL SERVICES

- Private attorney available by appointment only for phone consultations.

#### TRANSPORTATION:

- ♥ Serve Non-Medicaid seniors who are homebound & need to get to scheduled medical appts.
- ♥ Shopping Bus: Door-to-Door service for local shopping & errands
- ♥ To select Senior Nutrition sites enabling seniors social interaction with noontime meals
- ♥ Vouchers for seniors utilizing Greene County Transit

#### VOLUNTEER SERVICES:

- ♥ Volunteer Recruitment and placement within the Department and various Community Agencies

### YOUTH SERVICES

- **Pre-PINS, PINS:** Work with agencies and schools to assist with youth in need of supervision
- Conduct ongoing research to determine the changing needs of our youth & develop a comprehensive plan for youth services in Greene County.
- Work with youth-serving agencies to improve the quality of services provided in the county.
- Oversees the allocations of funds for programs that benefit Greene County youth under the NYS OCFS Youth Development Program and Sports Education and Team Sports Funding.

#### **GREENE COUNTY ROUND TABLE NEWS**

is published monthly by the Dept. of Human Services. If you would like to receive, please call Maureen at 518-719-3555 or via email at [mmurphy@greencounty.gov](mailto:mmurphy@greencounty.gov)

# AGING SERVICES (PAGES 3 - 14)



## EXPANDED IN-HOME SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROGRAM (EISEP)

The overall goal of the program is to improve access to, and the availability of, appropriate and cost-effective non-medical support services for older adults who are not eligible for services through Medicaid. EISEP assists older adults who need assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) such as dressing, bathing, personal care, and Independent Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) such as shopping, cooking, and who want to remain at home. Depending on the participant's income, there may be a cost associated with this program. Private contributions are provided through cost sharing which begins at 150% of the poverty level. The amount of cost sharing increases proportionately with income.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Individuals who are at least 60 years old, and

- \* Need help with Activity of Daily Living (ADL) or 2 Instrumental Activities of Daily Living, (IADL)
- \* Able to be maintained safely at home,
- \* Not be a Medicaid recipient.

An essential part of the EISEP program is case management. The program's case managers utilize standardized screening elements to identify needs and wishes of eligible individuals and their families and provide options on services and supports that are available to address their identified needs and wishes. Linkages to services may include non-medical in-home services, non-institutional respite, ancillary services and other services.

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## AREA HOME CARE PROVIDERS

### **ANY-TIME HOME CARE**

160 Fairview Avenue  
Suite 206  
Hudson, New York 12534  
(518) 828-0183

### **MARQUIS HOME CARE**

230 North Main  
Spring Valley, NY 10977  
845-363-8140

### **UNLIMITED CARE, INC.**

160 Fairview Avenue, #236  
Hudson, New York 12534  
(518) 828-7001

### **VISITING NURSES HOME CARE**

159 Jefferson Heights  
Suite 302  
Catskill, New York 12414  
(518) 943-2270

## COMPANION CARE

### **Hearthstone Care**

1187 Route 23A  
Catskill, New York 12414  
(518) 678-2030  
(Also Social Adult Daycare)

### **Home Helpers**

1654 Columbia Turnpike  
Castleton-on-Hudson, New York 12033  
(518) 425-9023

# HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HIICAP)

HIICAP is available to Greene County residents with Medicare as their health insurance. New York State certified counselors provide information to help you make informed decisions regarding health insurance related issues.

## How can the counselor help me?

Counseling focuses on your specific situation during a one-on-one confidential session.

Here are some examples of the services they offer:

- Interpret Medicare Part A, B, C and D and explain benefits.
- Assist with Medicare reviews and/or appeals process.
- Explain the Medicare Savings Program and Extra Help.
- Assist with plan enrollment.
- Help to prevent Fraud & Abuse..
- Help compare private insurance policies including HMO's, Medicare Drug Plans and Supplemental insurances.
- Provide information regarding the EPIC program (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage) and help you apply.
- Make referrals to supporting agencies, if needed.

## What is the cost?

There is no charge for this service. However, contributions for receiving assistance are accepted. These funds will be used to enhance our program.

**Appointments are required so please call our office in advance to schedule one.**



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# HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*Only open during the winter heating season,  
November through March*

HEAP helps low-income New Yorkers pay their energy bills. If your bills are more than you can handle and your source of heat is Electricity, Propane, Natural Gas, Wood/Wood Pellets, Oil, Kerosene, Coal, or Corn, HEAP may be able to help you.

To be eligible for HEAP, applicants must be US citizens or qualified aliens **and** meet HEAP income guidelines (see below for 2023-2024 Federal Income Guidelines\*, effective through June 30, 2024) and pay directly for heating costs or pay rent that includes heating costs. HEAP benefit amounts will vary depending on your household income and may be available if your heat is included in your rent. HEAP benefits will assist in paying heating bills and are not intended to be the total source of payment for winter heating expenses.

<b>Income Eligibility Guidelines *</b>		
<b>HH Size</b>	<b>Tier I</b>	<b>Tier II</b>
1	0 - 1,579	1,580 - 3,035
2	0 - 2,136	2,137 - 3,970
3	0 - 2,693	2,694 - 4,904
4	0 - 3,250	3,251 - 5,838

*For larger households, please contact our office.  
⇒ Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines are subject to change annually.*

When applying for HEAP, applicants must provide all required documentation verifying identification of all household members, address, income, SS#, vendor relationship and vulnerability (age or disabled).

Regular HEAP benefits open in November each year with eligibility and benefits based on income, household size, the primary heating source and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older or permanently disabled. An eligible household may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year. Regular benefits for households that pay directly for heat based on actual usage are paid directly to the vendor that supplies the household's primary source of heat.

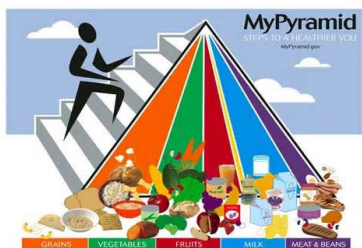
A HEAP emergency benefit component assists individuals who are facing an energy-related emergency, such as a utility termination notice or less than a quarter tank/ten-day supply of fuel. If you are eligible, a HEAP emergency benefit may be issued in addition to your regular HEAP benefit, if the regular benefit has been exhausted.

## LEGAL SERVICES



Greene County Department of Human Services provides Legal Consultation Services for persons **age 60 and older** through a contract with a private attorney. All elderly seeking advice will be assisted in obtaining appropriate services. Should it be necessary to call upon the services of another legal services program or refer the client to the private bar, our county-contracted attorney shall assist the elderly individual in establishing the relationship with the referral attorney, and shall follow-up with such attorney or the client to assure that adequate and appropriate service has been provided.

**Please note that the attorney is available through the DHS office, by appointment only, for telephone consultations.**



## NUTRITION PROGRAMS

### MEALS, EDUCATION, COUNSELING & SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Adequate nutrition plays a central role in keeping us healthy. Many older Americans are not eating well. Those who live alone may find cooking too much trouble. Some may have difficulty getting to the grocery store. Others simply cannot afford to buy the kinds of food that could keep them healthy.

The Greene County Department of Human Services' Aging Department provides nutritious meals for seniors **60 years of age and older**.

**Home-bound clients** can have their meals delivered directly to their house, if they qualify. Other area seniors who are looking for social interaction and are able to travel, can visit one of our senior service sites for a **Con-gregate Meal**.

The meals that we serve are designed to meet one third of the daily requirements for good health.

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*Sometimes you may need meals for a short time because you just got out of a hospital and can't make meals until you recover. Or, you may need meals for a longer time because you can't do many of the things you did for yourself before. Greene County residents, age 60 and older, who can't prepare meals for themselves are brought healthy, nutritious, balanced meals to their residence, up to five days a week. Up-to-date information about healthy eating, wellness and healthy habits is given out to those who get meals. Our registered dietitian can help any older person with questions about diabetes, weight loss or gain and healthy eating in private nutrition counseling.*

**Who is Eligible?** Greene County residents, age 60 and older. A referral can be made by a senior or anyone who feels that the meals may be beneficial to a senior. Simply call the department and ask to make a referral for home-delivered meals.

**How Do You Get Meals Started?** After we take your referral, a Case Manager will contact the senior and make an appointment to conduct a home visit. As part of the visit, an assessment will be completed. The same client interview that helps find out if you are eligible for home delivered meals will show other helpful services and programs we offer for older people. Once the assessment is completed, meals may be started. If there are no openings at the time of the referral, the senior is placed on a wait list. As soon as an opening is available the assessment is completed and meals can be started.

**What does it cost?** There is no charge for meals but each person is given a chance to make a suggested voluntary contribution. All contributions help to keep our program available and serve more people. Self-addressed, postage paid envelopes are provided for contributions.

**What if I know I won't be home when my meal is delivered?** Volunteers assist by delivering the meals Monday through Friday (except holidays) throughout Greene County. If you are unable to be home to receive your meal, you are required to call the office, **by 9:00 a.m. that day**, at (518) 719-3555 to cancel your meal.

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## CONGREGATE SERVICES:

Healthy, nutritious, balanced meals are served Monday - Friday at our senior service centers.

Transportation for those who need help getting to a meal location may be available.

## SENIOR SERVICE CENTERS

Greene County Department of Human Services' operates the Rivertown Senior Center in Athens, as well as four senior service centers, throughout the county:

**Rivertown Senior Center**  
39 Second Street, Athens  
(518) 945-2700

**Acra Senior Nutrition Meal Site**  
Acra Community Center,  
Old Route 23, Acra  
(518) 622-9898

**Coxsackie Senior Nutrition Meal Site**  
Town of Coxsackie Senior Center  
127 Mansion Street, Coxsackie  
(518) 731-8901

**Catskill Senior Nutrition Meal Site**  
Robert C. Antonelli Senior Center  
15 Academy Street, Catskill  
(518) 943-1343

**Jewett Senior Nutrition Meal Site**  
Jewett Municipal Building  
3547 Route 23C, Jewett  
(518) 263-4392

## MEALS

Each senior service center serves a hot noon-time meal, Monday - Friday, that follows NYS Dietary guidelines and includes:

Hot Entrée (meat or alternative)    Fruit & Vegetable    Dairy    Grain    Dessert/Fruit

**We ask that you call at least one day ahead to reserve if you wish to be included in the lunch count.**

A suggested contribution is asked for each meal; however no one shall be denied due to the inability or unwillingness to contribute.

Federal, state and local funding is used to help pay for the meal program. In turn, we are asked to collect certain information **FOR STATISTIC PURPOSES ONLY**. The information, when registering for meals, that you provide can only improve services offered and has nothing to do with the level of services you receive; however lack of responses could affect our funding sources. Also, current information is beneficial in the event you experience an emergency while at the center.

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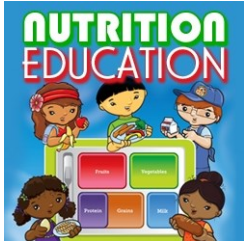
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# NUTRITION EDUCATION & COUNSELING

## SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to meals, the nutrition department sponsors nutrition education and counseling with our Registered Dietitian, as well periodic special events, classes and presentations.

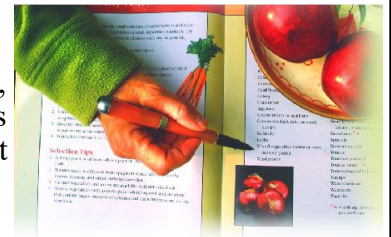


This education program provides up-to-date information about healthy foods and balanced diets, and is sponsored by our Registered Dietitian.

Watch our calendar and web site for dates.

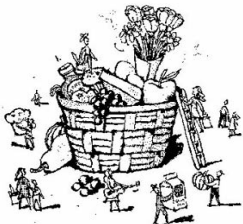
## NUTRITION COUNSELING

Our Registered Dietitian offers nutrition counseling about healthy eating, wellness and healthy habits to those with questions about nutrition; special diets such as for Diabetics; weight control and healthy eating. You don't need to get meals to meet with the dietitian.



Any senior wishing information is encouraged to call and ask for the registered dietitian.

## FARMERS MARKET CHECKS



Each summer (July/August), the New York State Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) provides a booklet containing twenty-five dollars (5/\$5) worth of checks to low-income Greene County senior citizens through the Senior Nutrition Program. They can be redeemed at any **NYS Participating** Farmers Market. To receive a booklet, applicants must certify to meeting eligibility requirements.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

At times, we may host special programs at our locations. These will include driver safety, exercise classes, flu clinics, and other informational sessions on topics relevant to all.



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# TRANSPORTATION

## HOMEBOUND MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Greene County Department of Human Services provides Medical Transportation, courtesy of a volunteer driver, to Greene County residents age 60 or older who do not have any other available options for transportation to medical appointments. This service is available to medical facilities located in Greene County, as well as Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Rensselaer, Schoharie and Ulster.

**Appointments must be scheduled for  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.**



We require clients to call our office at least two weeks prior to the appointment so that we can schedule the transportation with a driver.

During inclement weather or other emergencies when the Department closes the senior nutrition sites, medical transportation can be affected. Drivers and clients are asked to call the office for information under those circumstances.

We are unable to transport clients covered by Medicaid. If covered by Medicaid & in need of transportation to a medical appointment, please call 855-360-3545.

All medical transportation for clients will be **restricted to four (4) times a month.**

## SHOPPING BUS



The Greene County Department of Human Services offers a shopping bus to Greene County residents age 60 or older. Our friendly driver will **pick up seniors at their door**, bring them to an area store for shopping, and then take them to a local Senior Service Center for lunch, if desired, before returning home..

Trips are limited to 16 people; first come, first served

**Wheelchair accessible**

**\*\*\*\*\* LIMIT: Two shopping bags per person \*\*\*\*\***

### ROUTES:

**MONDAY:** Mountaintop

(Prattsville, Ashland, Windham, Jewett, Halcott, Lexington & Hunter)

**TUESDAY:** Greenville/Durham/Cairo/Leeds

**WEDNESDAY:** New Baltimore/Coxsackie/Athens/Catskill

### NOTE:

**The shopping bus does not run on the following holidays:**

**New Year's Day**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Presidents' Day**

**Memorial Day**

**Independence Day**

**Columbus Day**

**Election Day (November)**

**Veterans Day**

**Thanksgiving**

**Christmas**

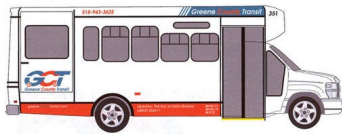
**We ask that you call at least one (1) business day in advance, by calling 518-719-3568**

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## NUTRITION TRANSPORTATION:



Our Department chauffeur will transport seniors, without a means of personal transportation, to a Nutrition site to enjoy the noontime meal. This service is only available to seniors who reside within specific Catskill and Athens areas



## GREENE COUNTY TRANSIT

The Greene County Transit, (GCT), system offers safe, affordable, reliable public transportation services throughout Greene County. GCT is very pleased to be able to provide daily service, Monday through Friday, to Athens, Cairo, Catskill, Coxsackie, Greenville, Palenville, as well as weekly service to the areas of Hunter/Tannersville and Windham.

County residents who are 60 years or older can register to ride GCT, fully subsidized. To register for a senior coupon book:

1) Contact the Greene County Department of Human Services at 518-719-3555

**Or**

2) Ride the bus, paying for the fare, and ask the driver for a registration form. You can either return the completed form to the driver or return directly to Greene County Department of Human Services.

General information about the senior coupons:

- Coupons will bear your name. They are non-transferrable.
- If you are riding the Catskill shuttle, it is just one (1) coupon to ride all day long.
- If you are riding one of the routes, it is just one (1) coupon, **each way**, and you will get a free shuttle pass to use.
- Books are replaced automatically. The Department will know when to issue a replacement.

For further information, call 518-943-3625.



**AmeriCorps  
Seniors**

# Volunteer Services

Americans 55+ have a lifetime of experience to share and the desire to make a real difference in their world. Now they are ready to put their unique talents and expertise to work in their communities, and enrich their own lives in the process. AmeriCorps Seniors can help those connect with others that need them the most. Together, they nationally link more than 500,000 Americans to service opportunities. Their contributions of skills, knowledge, and experience make a real difference to individuals and community organizations throughout the U.S.A.

Senior volunteers make a contribution that suits their talents, interests and availability. Some serve in teams while others go it alone. Everyone has unique gifts to share and our volunteers make significant contributions by putting their best talents to work. The high number of senior volunteers and their level of commitment make them an essential resource in meeting critical community needs.

AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers must be 55 years of age or older and willing to serve on a regular basis. They can choose how, where, and when they want to serve, with time commitments starting from as little as an hour a week. As a volunteer, you will receive pre-service orientation and training from your volunteer station. AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers are not paid any wage or stipend, but can be reimbursed for mileage expenses incurred.

When you volunteer, you're not just helping others - you're helping yourself. Volunteering leads to new discoveries and new friends. Plus, studies have shown that volunteering helps you live longer and promotes a positive outlook on life. Research suggests that volunteering is particularly beneficial to the health of older adults serving 100 hours annually. It also suggests that volunteering leads to lower rates of depression in individuals 65 and older. Helping others makes people healthier and happier. Of course, please note, we welcome volunteers of any age!

Through the Department of Human Services, AmeriCorps Seniors offers the following volunteer opportunities:

**Homebound Meal Delivery**

**Homebound Transportation Driver**

**Congregate Meal Site Volunteer**

We also have numerous volunteer opportunities in the community:

AARP

Heermance Library

Greene Meadows

Rivertown Thrift Shop

Area Crafters' Groups

Senior Telephone Reassurance

The Department of Human Services sponsors the county's AmeriCorps Seniors and is always looking for new volunteers. Giving of your time to help others is extremely satisfying. Volunteers play a vital role in area communities by contributing their talents and experience.

If you think you may be interested in becoming a volunteer, take the next step. You can find our registration application on the department's web site under Volunteer Services/Forms. Please complete it & return to our mailing address or email address. Once we have received your application, it will be reviewed and a background check will be completed. Shortly thereafter, you will be notified of the decision to accept you as a volunteer for the Greene County Department of Human Services, AmeriCorps Seniors.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL  
TO THE  
GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING**

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Greene County Department of Human Services' Aging Division in their efforts to serve the county's elderly residents. More specifically the Council will advise the Department to:

- a) Develop and administer the service plan;
- b) Conduct public hearings;
- c) Represent the interest of older person; and
- d) Review and comment on all community policies, programs and actions which affect older persons.

The Advisory Council shall be comprised of not fewer than 15 members with at least 50% over 60 years of age and residents of Greene County, including older persons with greatest economic and social need, older minority individuals, and participants of services offered by the Greene County Department of Human Services. Other members shall be representatives of agencies serving the elderly, elected officials and the general public. Representatives of agencies providing contracted services to the Department may not be members of the council but may attend meetings.

Members shall be appointed for a one year term by the Greene County Legislature. Appointments shall maintain the majority of elderly members while striving for representation from the community and area service providers.

***Does this sound like something you might be interested on serving? If so, contact the Department of Human Services for an application.***





**GREENE COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENT of HUMAN SERVICES**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY**

For services under the Older Americans Act and in Community Services for the Elderly and Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly projects which propose contributions, such contributions must be used for costs allowable under applicable regulations and incurred during the budget period that contributions were received. The suggested contributions will not be more than the actual cost of the service.

There are qualifications for some of our programs. Aging services users have the right to make confidential contributions to the costs of the service so that programs may be expanded. The purpose is to offer participants the opportunity to contribute and to increase the units of services, particularly to those in greatest need. Envelopes are provided to participants that desire to make voluntary and confidential contributions. Remember to make checks payable to Greene County Department of Human Services & note in memo the service.

**Services will not be denied to anyone unable or unwilling to make a contribution.**

**CONSULTATION and ASSISTANCE:** This includes such client assistance activities as case assistance, Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP), help with public benefit applications, etc. The suggested level of contribution is \$5.00 per office visit

**IN-HOME SERVICES:** This is discussed with the client by the case manager at the time of assessment. The suggested level of contribution is \$3.00 per hour .

In-home Contact & Support: Suggested level of contribution is \$1.00 per visit

**LEGAL SERVICES:** The suggested level of contribution is \$10.00 per attorney consultation

**NUTRITION:**

**Home Delivered Meals, Senior Congregate Dining, or Mom’s Meals:**

The suggested level of contribution is \$4.00 .

**Nutrition Counseling:** Clients requesting diet counseling from the Registered Dietitian are provided with an opportunity to contribute. The suggested level of contribution is \$5.00

**MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION:**

The suggested contribution for this service is a sliding scale based on mileage

0 – 10 miles	\$3.00 round-trip
11 – 20 miles	\$5.00 round-trip
21 – 40 miles	\$9.00 round-trip
41+ miles	\$15.00 round-trip

**ADULT DAY CARE SERVICES:** The suggested level of contribution is \$30.00 per day

# Youth Services

**GREENE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU**

**THE GREENE COUNTY  
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

**GRANTS FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**PRE-PINS PROGRAM**



# WHAT IS THE GREENE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU?



The Youth Bureau operates under the Greene County Department of Human Services to fund and assist in both the development and implementation of programs and services for children and young people. Our major responsibilities include advocacy and the funding of programs aimed at improving and enhancing the welfare of Greene County youth and their families. The staff is always available to work with citizen groups and organizations on issues concerning youth. It is funded by NYS Office Children and Family Services, and the Greene County Legislature. By assisting in the development and funding of these programs, we encourage youth to become involved, develop a sense of responsibility, and make a positive contribution to their communities.

## WHAT DOES THE YOUTH BUREAU DO?

- **ADVISES/MONITORS:** Funded agencies and Municipal Recreation Programs .
- **ADVOCATES:** For Youth Services in Greene County.
- **CONDUCTS:** Ongoing research to determine the changing needs of our youth.
- **DEVELOPS:** A comprehensive plan for youth services in Greene County.
- **NETWORKS:** With youth serving agencies to improve the quality of services provided.
- **RECOMMENDS:** The allocations of funds for Youth Development and Youth Sports Education for Greene County youth. .

## HOW DOES THE YOUTH BUREAU CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY?

The Youth Bureau assists in developing and funding programs which encourage youth to become involved, develop a sense of responsibility, and make a positive contribution to their community. Throughout Greene County, cultural and recreational opportunities are provided to build character and encourage physical, emotional and intellectual growth.

### Direct Services Available

Grant Assistance\*  
Youth Advocacy

Pre-PINS Program  
Greene County Youth Fair

Program Development  
Youth Recognition

### \* YOUTH PROGRAMS' GRANT ASSISTANCE

Proposals for the Greene County Youth Bureau Funding for youth programs for Greene County youth sponsored by a 501(c)(3) are accepted annually. Non-profit tax-exempt charitable organizations per IRS) are considered. Applications must include OCFS forms, as well as a List of current Board members, and authorized staff to sign claims. All OCFS forms are available on the Department's web site,

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## ***WHAT IS THE GREENE COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD?***



The purpose of the Advisory Board is to develop and recommend policy and procedures that guide the activities of the Youth Bureau in providing opportunities that improve the lives of youth in Greene County. The Board is a policy making board responsible for direction of the Youth Bureau and meets six times a year.

The Board shall be comprised of not fewer than 13 members and no more than 20 members who are residents of Greene County. Members must be at least 16 years of age at date of appointment. Membership should represent residents of the various towns in Greene County, agencies serving youth, or youth receiving services.

Potential members should have qualities that enable them to function effectively. They should be able to recognize the needs of youth in the community and take an active role in working toward building a continuum care systems. Important personal qualifications include leadership, ability to positively interact with others, commitment to representing the interests of youth, and a willingness to devote time and effort to the board's goals.

Official appointment is made by the Greene County Legislature. If you are interested in joining the Greene County Youth Advisory Board, please contact our office for application.



# PRE-PINS PROGRAM

## PINS?

Person In Need of Supervision is a person less than 18 years of age who does not attend school, who is incorrigible, ungovernable or habitually disobedient and beyond the lawful control of a parent or other person legally responsible for the child or who has committed the offense of Unlawful Possession of Marihuana, or is a runaway.

## Pre-PINS?

This is a voluntary assessment of behaviors, consequences, goals and options. Working with the family this program will help you develop a plan that will prevent you from entering the Diversion Program at Greene County Department of Social Services..

## PINS Diversion?

This is also a voluntary process similar in scope to Pre-PINS, This is done by a Case Worker from the Greene County Department of Social Services.

## PINS Petition?

This is a document that brings the PINS behavioral issues to Family Court. This is an action of last resort. All voluntary efforts have failed and /or the safety of the child or others is in question. You no longer get to decide - a judge does.

## PROCESS?

Parents, Guardians, Schools, Law Enforcement may make a referral to this program. A meeting will be scheduled with the parent, child and referral source to address the issues at hand. You must first complete the Pre-PINS process with the Youth Bureau before PINS Diversion or a PINS Petition is acted upon.

## THEN WHAT HAPPENS?

If a petition is filed with the court, your involvement is no longer voluntary. All decisions are made by Family Court. Your child may be placed on Probation for 1 year with mandatory conditions imposed on **both the parent/guardian and the child**. Your child may be taken away from you and placed in a foster home or facility. During this time you will be expected to pay child support to the county. The Court may determine that the parent/guardian is neglectful and will hold them accountable for their actions as well as inactions.

## ROLES /RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents/Guardians will be a part of the effort to identify their child's needs and work toward securing the necessary preventive services and behavioral changes needed for a successful outcome. Probation coordinates the process and addresses all matters where the voluntary resources have been tried and been unsuccessful.

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# NOTES:

The Greene County Department of Human Services consists of employees and numerous volunteers providing services from five senior service centers and the Department's main office.

The main office is open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, though staff are unavailable between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. As agency staff specialize in a variety of subjects, it is recommended that you call the main office to schedule an appointment to discuss services available. Walk-ins are always welcome but will be seen only if we are able to accommodate at the time. For individuals with disabilities or language interpretation needs, requests for reasonable accommodations should be made within at least five days notice.

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