



*Association of
New York State
Youth Courts*



Mission Statement:

To act as a catalyst for the comprehensive development of Youth Courts across New York State, to maintain a juvenile justice alternative that is operated for and by youth, and to promote Youth Courts as an important feature of the juvenile justice services that seek to improve juvenile justice outcomes for all community youth.

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Highlights of the September 27th Meeting in Albany

- A Discussion was held concerning the scholarships and the possibility of reducing each award and awarding one per region with the exception of the Judge Judith Kaye scholarship which will remain a statewide competitive award.
- Those present in Albany were given a tour of the Court of Appeals and met with Chief Justice Janet DiFiore
- A vote was taken for the addition of a full court membership option for youth members. The vote passed 10 yes, 3 no.
- September is National Youth Court month. It would be nice if we each planned an event that would serve as a publicity vehicle. We really need to promote Youth courts and the association.
- Katherine Chambers was appointed as Chair of Special Events, Arianne Reyer and Dory Hack are Co-Chairs. The first event is tentatively scheduled for April 2017, exact date TBD. This will be a professional development event.

A full account of the meeting will be made available once the minutes have been submitted.

Clinton County Youth Court: Summer Training

The Clinton County Youth Court held its annual summer training in the beginning of July. Eight new volunteers participated in the 12 hours of training to become a Youth Court member. Guest speakers at the training included Plattsburgh City Court Judge Mark Rogers, Probation Department Assistant Hillary Relation, and Deputy George Head from the Sherriff's Department. An Induction Ceremony was held at the end of July for 18 new members who were trained in July 2015 and July 2016. Clinton County DSS Commissioner John Redden and Clinton County ADA Jason Marx both addressed the youth and praised them for their accomplishment and for giving back to their community in a positive way.



Submitted by Lindsey Brockway– Project Coordinator
Clinton County Youth Court

Western Region Youth Court Summit 2016

The Western Region of NYS Youth Courts hosted the 5th Annual Western Regional Youth Court Summit on September 19, 2016 in Clarence, NY. The summit offers the opportunity for youth court volunteers across the Western Region to come together and participate in teambuilding activities and interact with volunteers from other courts, as well as learn about how other courts operate. There were approximately 40 youth and coordinators in attendance at this year's event. The Western Region Youth Courts represented at this year's summit included Genesee County Youth Court, Wyoming County Youth Court, Ontario County Youth Court, Elmira City Court, Schuyler County Youth Court, Lancaster Youth Court, Clarence Youth Court, West Seneca Youth Court, Hamburg Youth Court, and Livingston County Youth Court.

The annual summit is a day for youth to network and share innovative ideas and practices in the hopes of enhancing current Youth Court programs and experiences of Youth Court volunteers. Katie Dunn, a Probation Officer in

Livingston County, spoke with the youth about her experience as a probation officer working with youth and youth court in Livingston County and praised the youth for all their hard work. In addition to the guest speaker, youth participated in ice breaker activities, networking opportunities, and a case study that allowed them to discuss how Youth Courts operate and vary. Topics included things such as courtroom set-up, caseloads, operating differences, and techniques used during hearings. Once again, the annual summit received positive feedback from the attendees and the Western Region is looking forward to planning the 6th annual Youth Court Summit.



Submitted by Jamie Hudson, Wyoming County Youth Bureau

From Stacey Whiteley

Hello Youth Courts! Many of you know me, but there are lots of new people in the Youth Court world that don't. I'm Stacey Whiteley, I served as the Bethlehem Youth Court Director from 2002 until 2008 and I was involved as a volunteer leader of ANYSYC during that time. After I left BYC and went to work at the New York State Bar Association as the Statewide Mock Trial Program Manager, I continued my involvement with ANYSYC as the liaison between ANYSYC and the NYSBA Committee on Youth Courts chaired by the Hon. Judith Kaye and the Hon. Bernard "Bud" Malone. I left the NYSBA after five years to pursue an opportunity at the Albany County Bar Association and moved on to another position at the Albany County Family Court, eventually returning to NYSBA in March of this year as the Managing Director of Legal and Community Services. My current position involves managing four departments: Law, Youth and Citizenship; Lawyer Assistance; Lawyer Referral and Information Service; and Pro Bono Services. These departments provide services to a wide variety of people through a number of different avenues throughout the state. Students, the general public, teachers, civil legal service providers and attorneys, whether or not they are NYSBA members, all benefit from the work my departments are tasked with at NYSBA. I continue to be an avid supporter of Youth Court programs support and promote the programs at every opportunity I have. I am proud of my involvement with Youth Courts and know that the work you do does make an impact on the youth, their families, and the community. I hope to see you all at an event or meeting soon and thank you for your work and dedication to the programs and to ANYSYC!



Town of Babylon Youth Bureau Organizes Autism Risk & Safety Management Training

Regional Youth Justice Team

This session will help law enforcement, fire-rescue & emergency medical response, criminal & juvenile justice professionals & others recognize the behavioral symptoms and characteristics of a child or adult who has autism. You will learn basic response techniques, learn about the high risks associated with autism, & suggestions, options & specialized tactics about how to address those risks, increase officer and citizen safety, & avoid litigation. The training is provided free of cost to your agency and will be held on:

Thursday, November 10, 2016

10:00AM –2:00PM

Refreshments will be served

Suffolk County Community College, Van Nostrand Theatre, Crooked Hill Road, in Brentwood, NY.

Please arrive early to allow time for check in. Registration must be completed online at:

<http://ryjt.eventbrite.com>

Any additional questions or concerns regarding the training please contact the Town of Babylon Youth Bureau at 631-422-7626.

Click [HERE](#) to Register

Autism
Risk & Safety
Management

Presenter:
Dennis Debbaudt

Dennis Debbaudt was first to address the interactions between law enforcement and people with autism in his 1994 report *Avoiding Unfortunate Situations*. He has since authored a full length book, nearly 40 reports, book chapters and produced innovative and acclaimed training videos for law enforcement and first responders such as paramedics, fire rescue, police, and hospital staff who may respond to an autism emergency. Dennis has written for the FBI's Law Enforcement Bulletin, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and is a cited resource for the Department of Homeland Security. He has developed training and consulted to the NYPD and Chicago Police Department. Since 1995, he has presented his multi-media training at the invitation of the Illinois Attorney General, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's Team ADAM, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police conference, Fire Safety Educators of the Rockies Conference, Project Lifesaver International, Houston, Cincinnati, Toledo and New Hampshire training academies and in training rooms throughout North America and in Australia, New Zealand, Iceland and the United Kingdom.

Special Thanks To:



A Message from the President...

Several members of the Association met in Albany on September 27th and I am happy to say that we had a rather productive meeting.

Thanks to the efforts of Judge Malone we were able to meet Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and of the State of New York, Janet DiFiore as well as tour the Court of Appeals.

We added an option to the membership categories effective in January 2017 and we set forth a plan for professional development workshops to be held in the spring 2017. We will let everyone know when the dates have been set.

Has anyone reached out to their Senators or Assemblyman to ask why no significant actions have been taken on the following bills?

SO1742 and AO1729: "Raise the Age Legislation"

SO5311 and AO8024: Both speak to the establishment of youth courts and authorizing criminal and family courts to transfer the dispositional phase of proceedings to youth court and to amend the criminal procedure law and the family court act...

Let's remember that we have a responsibility to the youth that we serve to advocate for them. Please reach out to your legislators. We can affect change if we work together. I would like to hear the responses that you receive from the elected officials.

Best Regards,

Claire McKeon

ANYSYC MEMBERSHIP

General Membership: The general membership of the Association shall consist of a NYS youth court employee assigned to full or part time work with young offenders/ activities. The general member has the right to vote when in attendance of a quarterly business meeting by phone, video conferencing, or in person and includes lunch at meetings. (May sign up one person on a general membership)

Preferred Membership: The preferred membership of the Association shall consist of a NYS youth court employee assigned to full or part time work with young offenders/ activities. The preferred member has the right to one vote per court when in attendance of a quarterly business meeting by phone, video conferencing, or in person. Additional privileges at this level of membership include travel stipends to meetings, a youth scholarship option, lunch at meetings, reduced conference fees, and additional website accessibility. (May sign up two persons on a preferred membership)

Advisory Membership: Any persons in allied fields of delinquency prevention or persons who support the objectives and purposes of this Association and do not qualify for general or preferred membership. This level of membership includes lunch at meetings, but does not include the right to vote or hold office in the Association.

Youth Membership: High school or middle school student actively involved in a youth court program. This level of membership includes lunch at meetings

For more information regarding membership and pricing please contact Violet through email or in writing :

[Violet Palombo](#)

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Next ANYSYC-Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2016 11AM – Conference Call

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Submissions for the ANYSYC Newsletter must be received by deadline date
Deadline for the next Newsletter is Monday, December 5, 2016

Please direct all questions to Melissa at the contact information below

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