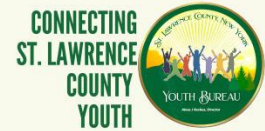


Connecting St. Lawrence County Youth Services

Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 2:00 P.M. Via Zoom



Attendance

- Alexa Backus, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Amber Sullivan, Kathleen Behrens, Lisa McKeel, Amy Canniff, Tim Patrick, Kristin Backlund, Kat Manierre, Lin Griffin, Kristin Colarusso Martin, Alexis Dean, Renee Butterfield, Caitlin Potter, Kristin Demeter, Jackie Card, Sally Palao, Makayla Coller, Kelsey Jones, Sarah Monica, Amy Richardson, Wanda Collins, Ellen Hurlbut, Laurie Booth-Trudo, Sheena Smith, and Sherri Fawcett.

Speakers

- Massena Cafe
 - Kristin Colarusso Martin & Kathleen Behrens
 - Feedback from 4/28 community virtual meeting “Sex and Sextortion - Keeping Kids Safe Online” presented by Brooke McAllister, Community Educator, St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House
 - Community Cafe, bringing all community members together to talk about a topic of interest. Due to recent suicides in the county, the rapid response team identified that this topic should be discussed at a Community Cafe.
 - Brooke McAllister gave a presentation and then attendees broke up into break-out rooms and talked about the question, “What would help you be better prepared to prevent exploitation of teens online?” Participants were involved, open, honest, and provided great feedback to one another.
 - The second question discussed was, “What are some things that you would like to see on the local community level to combat the issue?”
 - 97 attendees out of the 230 that registered. To spread the word the 5 individuals on the planning group from the Massena Rapid Response team shared with contacts, schools, and communities. A lot of networking, media releases, and support from partners.
- Amy Canniff
 - Child Fatality Review Team Coordinator for Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties
 - Members of the team are professionals from the county including, law enforcement, coroners, district attorneys, child protective services, and OCFS, some are mandated by the state. The main job of the review team is trying to figure out why the child fatalities are happening and figuring out prevention solutions, to help stop the fatalities from happening.

Meetings are held quarterly where they discuss the fatalities that have happened within that quarter.

- Amy invites everyone to reach out to her if you would like to attend a meeting or provide a presentation of your services. Her direct number is 315-755-1460, or amyc2@vacjc.com

Summer Programs

- Kristin Colarusso-Martin asked if Youth Bureau could post the summer meal sites available around the county when they are released.
- Laurie Booth-Trudo, will be offering a series of training for parents, that will cover a variety of topics for special education It will help parents make sure that their children's IEP and other special programs in school are going the way they should. Parents will be able to identify if their children are getting the resources they need. The training will be available to anyone who wants to attend. Laurie will add the information to our google drive after a flyer is created. She adds that it can be very frustrating for parents if they do not know how to navigate the process. This will help them learn to advocate and communicate with the school.
- Jackie Card states that Farm Day Camp is full and has a waiting list. Due to the scholarship fund this year they were able to offer full scholarships to everyone that applied for it. Some students will be attending camp this year for the first time due to receiving the scholarship.
 - The learning farm at extension is now open for field trips if anyone is interested. They will be offering outdoor recreation, natural resources, and agriculture awareness field trips. Email Tammy Hill if interested tlh233@cornell.edu

Goals & Feedback

- Use of our Google Drive
 - Add upcoming events, share and have others add contact information
- Calendar of events for families
- Please add slcyouthbureau@gmail.com to your events/press release email lists communication

Youth Bureau

- Virtual Teen Meeting
 - Wednesday, May 12th, 7 pm
- Youth Bureau Needs Assessment
 - Deadline May 21st
- May Newsletter
- May is Get Caught Reading Month
 - Submit photos and videos to slcyouthbureau@gmail.com
- Teen Virtual Support Team

- Teen to Teen Mentor Programs
 - Fall programs in high schools
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Reminders

- Update your contact information in our shared Google Drive
 - Upload meeting information, announcements, and flyers on the second tab
 - Please invite others (anyone and everyone who touches the lives of children & youth in St. Lawrence County) to join. Email abackus@stlawco.org
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Next Meeting

- Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 @ 2:00 PM via Zoom
 - Fall Planning