



## YOUTH AND POLICE PROGRAM | AGES: 15 - 18

**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau  
Build positive connections between high school youth and local police through team-building and service.  
**Bi-Monthly (Variable Schedule)**

## VOICES EMPOWERING GROUP | AGES: 14 - 18

**Location:** Manchester High School Bentley Academy  
This program helps girls 14 - 18 to grow in their self-awareness, identity, and strength. Contact Sheridan Douglass at (860) 647-5216 or sdouglass@manchesterct.gov to register.  
**W, September - December | 10:30AM - 12:00PM**

## SIBSHOP | AGES: 10 - 18

**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau  
Supportive hangout space for youth with siblings with disabilities. Fun, community, and connection.  
**9/2/25 | 10/14/25 | 11/4/25 | 12/9/25  
3:30PM - 5:30PM**

## RED CROSS BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION CLASS

**AGES: 13 - 18**  
**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau  
Earn your Red Cross Babysitting Certification in this 2-day training for teens.  
**Sat, 9/20/25 & Sun, 9/21/25  
8:30 AM - 2:30PM**

## FACTS | AGES: 14 - 18

**Location:** Manchester High School  
FACTS is a youth prevention program that builds leadership, confidence, and resilience through sober living. Contact John Dalterio at (860) 647-5223 or jdalterio@manchesterct.gov to register.  
**M, 9/22/25 through the school year  
2:10PM - 3:10PM**

## EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM

**AGES: 15+**  
**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau  
Learn to apply for jobs, write resumes, interview, and earn a stipend upon completion! Contact Sheridan Douglass at (860) 647-5216 or sdouglass@manchesterct.gov to apply.  
**Tu, 9/23/25 - 11/11/25 | 3:00PM - 5:30PM**

## TEEN CENTER - FALL REOPENING

**AGES: 12 - 17**  
**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau  
Drop-in teen space for high schoolers with games, bike repair, snacks, and monthly pizza parties.  
**Tu, W, Th, 9/23/25 - 12/17/25 | 1:00PM - 5:00PM**

## ROLE PLAYERS' GUILD | AGES: 12 - 17

**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau  
Adventure into storytelling, creativity, and community through role-playing games. All skill levels welcome!  
**Tu, 9/23/25 - 12/16/25 | 4:00PM - 6:00PM**

## CLASSY COOKING | AGES: 12+

**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau  
Afterschool cooking class for beginners ages 12 and up. Learn meals, safety, and kitchen confidence!  
**Tu, 9/23/25 - 11/25/25 | 3:30PM - 5:30PM**

## PACKED WITH PURPOSE | AGES: 14 - 18

**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau  
Empowering young men to explore identity, confidence, and purpose through dog training and acts of service.  
**Th, 10/2/25 - 12/11/25 | 3:30PM - 5:30PM**



## INTRO TO CROCHET | AGES: 8+

**Location:** Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center  
Crochet is a needlecraft that uses a hook to create fabric from loops of yarn. You can make items like blankets, scarves, hats, and sweaters. If you're looking for a fun, creative hobby, try crochet!

### BEGINNER CLASS

**Mon, 6:00pm - 7:30pm | 10/6/24 - 12/8/24**  
(No class 10/13)  
**Fee:** \$30/\$35(nr)

### INTERMEDIATE CLASS | AGES: 12+

**Tue, 6:00PM - 7:30pm | 10/7/24 - 12/9/24**  
(No class 11/11)  
**Fee:** \$30/\$35(nr)

## DIY SELF CARE LAB | AGES: 12-17

**Location:** Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center  
Make your own self-care items.  
**Th, 10/16/25, 11/13/25, 12/11/25 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM**  
**Fee:** \$10

## POP-UP TALK: REAL LIFE SKILLS | AGES: 12 - 17

**Location:** Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center  
Life skills every teen should know.  
**W, 10/22/25, 11/07/25 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM**  
**Fee:** \$10

## CREATIVE WRITING AND JOURNALING

**AGES: 12-17**  
**Location:** Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center  
A cozy, chill space for teens to journal, write stories, or try creative prompts with music, snacks, and good vibes.  
**F, 11/14/25 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM**  
**Fee:** \$10

## TEEN STUDIO TIME | AGES: 12-17

**Location:** Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center  
Open creative space for teens.  
**Th, 11/27/25, 12/18/25 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM**  
**Fee:** \$10

## GLOW GARDENS - WINTER BREAK

**AGES: 14 - 18**  
**Location:** CT Convention Center  
(Pickup/Dropoff at Youth Service Bureau)  
Enjoy an evening of lights and live entertainment at Hartford's Glow Gardens!  
**Tu, 12/23/25 | 3:45PM - 8:00PM**

## WAX AND WONDER | AGES: 14+

**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau  
A hands-on candle & pizza-making experience to kick off winter break with fun and flavor!  
**Tu, 12/30/25 | 10:00 AM - 2:00PM**

# EARLY CHILDHOOD

## MY TODDLER & ME | AGES: 2 - 4 YEARS

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Drop-in playgroup for toddlers and caregivers focused on early social play. No registration required.  
W, 9/10/25 - 12/17/25 | 9:30AM - 11:00AM

## ROBIN'S MOTHERING GROUP | AGES: 0 - 1 YEAR

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Weekly support group for moms with babies under age 1, led by a lactation consultant. Contact Robin at (860) 742-6231 or RobinDeGemmis@gmail.com to register.  
Th, 9/11/25 - 12/18/25 | 11:30 AM - 1:30PM

## MY BABY & ME | AGES: 0 - 2 YEARS

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Drop-in playtime for parents and babies to build community and connection. No registration required.  
Session 1: F, 9/19/25 - 12/5/25 | 9:00AM - 10:15AM

## LET'S GET MESSY! | AGES: 2 - 5 YEARS

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Messy sensory fun for curious kids! Includes oobleck, dough, and more.  
Session 1: Th, 9/18/25 - 10/23/25 | 10:00AM - 11:30AM  
Fee: \$36 / \$44 (NR)  
Session 2: Th, 10/30/25 - 12/18/25 (No class 11/27)  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
Fee: \$36 / \$44 (NR)

## PRESCHOOL DROP-IN PLAY | AGES: 2 - 5 YEARS

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Drop-in playgroup for toddlers and preschoolers with music, crafts, and open play.  
Tu, 9/23/25 - 12/9/25 | 3:00PM - 4:15PM

## CRADLE TO CRAYONS | AGES: 2 - 5 YEARS

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Cradle to Crayons is a preschool playgroup that supports the development of skills for school and life success.  
Th, 9/25/25 - 12/11/25 | 3:00PM - 4:15PM

## START SMART SOCCER | AGE: 3 - 5 YEARS

Location: Community Y  
Parents will work together with their children in a supportive environment to learn the basics of sport. Teaches children (3-5) a variety of soccer skills including: dribbling/kicking, trapping, passing, shooting and agility skills.  
Sat, 10/18 - 11/15  
Session 1: 9:00AM - 10:00AM  
Session 2: 10:00AM - 11:00AM  
Session 3: 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
Fee: \$65/\$81 (NR) Fee Includes Equipment



## LAURIE BERKNER FUN | AGES: 2 - 5 YEARS

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Music, crafts, and fun based on the songs of Laurie Berkner!  
Tu, 11/11/25 - 12/16/25 | 9:30AM - 11:00AM  
Fee: \$36 / \$44 (NR)

## FAMILY PIE-MAKING WORKSHOP

### AGES: ALL AGES

(Max 8 families or 20 people)

Location: Manchester Youth Service Bureau  
Create your own apple pie as a family—just in time for Thanksgiving!  
Tu, 11/25/25 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

## FAMILY GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

### AGES: 2+ (Max 8 families or 20 people)

Location: Manchester Youth Service Bureau  
Join our 4th Annual Gingerbread House Competition – build, decorate, and enjoy!  
Th, 12/11/25 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

## GRINCHMAS PARTY | AGES: 2 - 5 YEARS

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Celebrate the holidays with Grinch-themed fun, crafts, and play for preschoolers!  
M, 12/22/25 | 10:00AM - 11:30AM

## FAMILY ICE SKATING - WINTER BREAK

### AGES: 5+

Location: South Windsor Ice Arena  
Enjoy a private family skating session with hot cocoa, snacks, and fun!  
Tu, 12/30/25 | 10:30AM - 12:30PM

# PLAY & LEARN FALL SERIES

## AGES: 1 - 5

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
We will pair our learning with rhymes, movement, stories, circle time, themed activities, crafts, vocabulary rich conversations and of course, play! Caregivers should be prepared to participate with their little learner! **\$36/\$44(NR) per class**

## PLAY & LEARN YOGA | AGES: 1 - 2 YEARS

Toddler yoga followed by open play. Stretch, explore, and move together!  
M, 9/22/25 - 11/3/25 | 9:30AM - 11:00AM  
(No class 10/13)

## PLAY & LEARN YOGA | AGES: 3 - 5 YEARS

Preschool yoga and playtime for kids and their grown-ups.  
M, 9/22/25 - 11/3/25 | 12:30PM - 2:00PM  
(No class 10/13)

## PLAY & LEARN ABOUT OCEAN ANIMALS

### AGES: 1 - 2 YEARS

Discover a new ocean animal each week through stories and play.  
M, 11/10/25 - 12/15/25 | 9:30AM - 11:00AM

## PLAY & LEARN ABOUT OCEANS AND SEAS

### AGES: 3 - 5 YEARS

Preschoolers explore marine life and ocean science through fun hands-on activities.  
M, 11/10/25 - 12/15/25 | 12:30PM - 2:00PM

## PLAY & LEARN ABOUT SPACE

### AGES: 2 - 5 YEARS

Explore stars, rockets, planets, and more in this playful journey through space!  
Tu, 9/23/25 - 11/4/25 | 9:30AM - 11:00AM

## HAPPY HIKERS FALL SERIES

### AGES: 4 - 12 YEARS

Free, child-friendly hiking series around Manchester. No registration required.  
**Wednesdays, 2:45PM**

#### Hike 1 | 10/1/25

Oak Grove Nature Center  
269 Oak Grove Street

#### Hike 2 | 10/8/25

Manchester Land Conservation Trust  
330 Bush Hill Rd

#### Hike 3 | 10/15/25

Porter Howard Reservoir  
Ferguson Rd



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

NEW

**JUNIOR TENNIS LESSONS | AGES: 4-7**

**Location:** Summit Street Tennis Courts

This program focuses on teamwork, skills, and competitive play for boys and girls outdoors. Participants should bring sneakers, shorts, a shirt, and a water bottle.

**Session 1:** M/W, 9/8/25 - 9/24/25

**5:30PM - 6:00PM**

**Session 2:** M/W, 9/29/25 - 10/15/25

**5:30PM - 6:00PM**

**Fee:** \$20/ \$30(NR)

**YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS | AGES: 8-12**

**Location:** Summit Street Tennis Courts

This program focuses on teamwork, skills, and competitive play for boys and girls outdoors. Participants should bring sneakers, shorts, a shirt, and a water bottle.

**Session 1:** M/W, 9/8/25 - 9/24/25

**6:00PM - 7:00PM**

**Session 2:** M/W, 9/29/25 - 10/15/25

**6:00PM - 7:00PM**

**Fee:** \$20/ \$30 (NR)

**ARCHEOLOGY DIG FOR FAMILIES AT PITKIN GLASSWORKS | AGES: 5+**

**Location:** 11 Parker Street, Manchester

Family-friendly dig at historic Pitkin Glassworks—uncover artifacts and solve local mysteries!  
**Sat, 9/20/25**

**Rain Date:** 9/27/25 | **10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

(parent/guardian participation encouraged!)

**GIRLS CIRCLE | AGES: 6TH GRADE**

**Location:** Bennet Academy

After school program for 6th grade girls focused on friendship, confidence, and creative self-discovery.

Contact Tasha Weston at (860) 647-5215 or [tweston@manchesterct.gov](mailto:tweston@manchesterct.gov) to register.

**M, 9/22/25 - 11/17/25 | 2:45PM - 4:30PM**

(no session 10/13)

**GIRLS CIRCLE | AGES: GRADES 5 - 8**

**Location:** Manchester Middle Academy

School-based group for girls to build confidence, friendships, and healthy identity. Contact Tasha Weston at (860) 647-5215 or [tweston@manchesterct.gov](mailto:tweston@manchesterct.gov) to register.

**September 2025 - May 2026**

**JOURNEY: PATHWAY TO LEADERSHIP**

**AGES: GRADES 6 - 8**

**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau

Nature-based leadership and service experience with art, woodworking, and field trips.

**Tu, 10/7/25 - 12/16/25, 3:30PM - 5:00PM**

**GLOW ART STUDIO | AGES: 7-12**

**Location:** Leisure Labs Art Lab

Step into the dark and light up your creativity! This special art session features blacklight painting, glowing crafts, and neon fun for kids of all skill levels.

**Th, 11/6/25 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM**

**Fee:** \$10

**SPROUT SQUAD: RECYCLED GARDENERS AGES: 7-12**

**Location:** Leisure Labs Program Lab

Learn how to grow your own plants using recycled containers like yogurt cups and soda bottles!

Participants decorate planters, plant seeds, and track their plant's progress in fun observation Journals.

**F, 11/7/25 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM**

**Fee:** No Fee, Registration Required

**JOURNEY ART & NATURE / BUILD-A-BOOK AGES: GRADES 4 - 5**

**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau

Create, write, and illustrate your own book inspired by nature and art!

**W, 10/8/25 - 12/17/25 | 3:30PM - 5:00PM**

NEW

**NERF NIGHT | AGES: 8 - 12**

**Location:** Leisure Labs Gymnasium

Get ready to run, dodge, and aim in this high-energy Nerf Night featuring obstacle courses, team challenges, and safe Nerf tag battles. All equipment and safety goggles provided.

**Sat, 11/15/25 | 4:00PM - 6:00PM**

**Fee:** \$30

**STRENGTHENING FAMILIES | AGES: 7 - 17**

**Location:** Manchester Youth Service Bureau

10-week family skills program to build stronger bonds, parenting tools, and youth resilience.

**M, 10/13/25 - 12/15/25 | 5:30PM - 8:00PM**

NEW

**THE ROOTS & CULTURE LAB**

**AGES: 2 - 9 & 7 - 15**

**Location:** Eastside Neighborhood Resource Center

Children are invited to step into a vibrant, hands-on learning experience unlike any other. The Roots & Culture Lab is where ancient Indigenous knowledge fuses with modern education to create a dynamic, culturally rich space designed for today's curious, creative minds.

**W, 9/3/25 - 12/24/25 | 9:30AM - 11:30AM**

**(2 - 9 years)**

**1:00PM - 3:00PM (7 - 15 years)**

**DROP-IN YOUTH BASKETBALL**

**Location:** Waddell Elementary School

Join us for drop-in youth basketball.

**Open Gym:** M - Th, 10/6/25 - 4/9/26

**6:00PM - 7:00PM | 13 and under**

**7:00PM - 8:00PM | 14 - 15 year old**

**8:00PM - 9:00PM | 16 - 17 year old**

**Fee:** No fee (Recreation Card required)

**DROP-IN BASKETBALL**

**Location:** Community Y

Join us for drop-in youth basketball, starting 10/6

**Monday - Friday, 6:00 - 9:00PM**

**6:00PM - 7:00PM | 13 and under**

**7:00PM - 8:00PM | 14 - 15-year-old**

**8:00PM - 9:00PM | 16 - 17-year-old**

**Fee:** No fee (Recreation Card required)

**CO-ED YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUES**

This program focuses on teamwork, skills, and competitive play for boys and girls indoors.

Participants should bring sneakers, shorts, a shirt, and a water bottle. **Mandatory evaluation clinic 11/13**

**COED YOUTH | AGES: 8 - 9**

**Location:** Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center

**Games:** Sat, 12/6/25 - 2/7/26

**8:30 AM - 1:00PM (No Games 12/27/25)**

**Fee:** \$35

**COED YOUTH | AGES: 10 - 12**

**Practices | Tu.** at Waddell School or Community Y

**6:00PM - 7:00PM or 8:00PM - 9:00PM**

(No Practices 12/23/25)

**Games | Sat, 12/6/25 - 2/7/26 | 1:30PM - 4:00PM**

**Location:** Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center

(No Games 12/27/25)

**Fee:** \$35

**FUNDAMENTALS OF BASKETBALL | AGES: 6 - 7**

**Location:** Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center

An exciting league where children can meet new friends, learn the concepts of dribbling, passing, defense, offense, and shooting. Equipment provided!

**F, 12/12/25 - 2/13/26 (No Practice 12/26/25)**

**Cohort 1:** 5:30 - 6:30PM

**Cohort 2:** 6:40 - 7:40PM

**Fee:** \$35

**DROP IN BASKETBALL**

**Location:** Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center

Drop-In Basketball is offered to the public on a first come, first serve basis. Gymnasiums will be monitored by staff. Hours subject to change once Adult and Youth Recreation Sports begin in November/ December).

No drop-in basketball, December - March.

**10/6/25 - 5/15/26**

**M - F, 5:00 - 9:00PM**

**Sat, 10:00 - 2:00PM**

**5:00 - 6:00PM | 12 and under**

**6:00 - 7:00PM | 13 - 15 year old**

**7:00 - 9:00PM | 16+**

**Fee:** No Cost (Recreation Card Required)