

MANCHESTER YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

FALL & WINTER PROGRAMS

Space is limited, so please register early. For more information, or to register for programs please call the Youth Service Bureau at (860) 647-5213.

Packed with Purpose / Thursdays, 10/2/25 ~ 12/11/25, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM / Ages: 14-18

Location: Youth Service Bureau

Packed with Purpose is a 10 week journey that empowers young men to explore identity, build confidence, develop emotional intelligence, and contribute to their community through hands on dog training and meaningful acts of service. Blending active learning, viral discussion topics, and real world impact, this program builds a brotherhood of purpose driven youth committed to leaving a legacy.

SibShop / Meets: 9/2/25, 10/14/25, 11/4/25, 12/9/25, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM / Ages: 10-18

Location: Youth Service Bureau

SibShop is an exciting supportive, interactive and recreational opportunity for youth who have siblings with disabilities to meet, hang out, and find community.

Archeology Dig for Families at Pitkin Glassworks / Saturday, 9/20/25, 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Location: 11 Parker Street, Manchester CT | Ages: 5+

Join local experts for a day of digging at the ruins of Pitkin Glassworks! Families will dig for undiscovered treasures to help solve this centuries old mystery. What did this ruin actually look like and what did they make? **Registration is required!** Please contact sbell@manchesterct.gov. Parent/Guardian participation encouraged!

Sensory Friendly Family Movie Night / Friday, 10/24/25 at 6:30 PM

Location: 153 Spruce Street | Welcome to Families with children ages 0-18!

Come as you are to a sensory friendly family movie night. We will be showing *Paddington in Peru* (PG). Volume will be lowered, subtitles will be on, and lights will be kept on. Everyone is welcome to walk, dance, and sing! Some fidget toys will be available if needed.

Glow Gardens ~ Winter Break / Tuesday, 12/23/25, 3:45 PM - 8:00 PM / Ages: 14-18

Location: CT Convention Center (Pickup/Dropoff at Manchester YSB)

Enjoy an evening at Hartford's Glow Garden, a winter wonderland of millions of twinkling lights. There are interactive light gardens, intricate light structures, and live entertainment. **Registration is required!**

Youth & Police Program / Meets ~ Bi-Monthly (Variable Schedule) / Ages: 15-18

Location: Manchester Youth Service Bureau

This program offers high school youth the opportunity to build relationships with local police officers by participating in monthly teambuilding activities and community service projects. Youth & Police is a great way to make positive connections and become active in the community.

Dine Around The World: Dinner in The Park ~ Poland / Tuesday, 9/30/25, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM / All Ages!

Location: Northwest Park Pavilion

Join us as we bring community members together to celebrate diversity while sharing a delicious meal of Polish favorites, cultural music, and activities!

Wax And Wonder / Tuesday, 12/30/25, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM / Ages: 14+

Location: Manchester Youth Service Bureau

Start winter break off with a bang! In the morning, participants will craft custom candles, choosing scents, colors, and accents. In the afternoon they'll take a private pizza-making class with a chef trained in Italy, learning dough tossing, layering techniques, and more.



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Red Cross Babysitting Certification Class / Location: Youth Service Bureau / Ages 13-18

Meets: Saturday, 9/20/25 & Sunday, 9/21/25, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

In this class, participants will learn the skills necessary to safely and responsibly care for children and infants. Participants will develop leadership skills, learn how to develop a babysitting business; keep themselves and others safe; and learn basic First Aid & CPR. Please note this class takes place over the course of two days ; both classes must be attended to receive certification.

Family Magic Show with Christopher the Magician! / Thursday, 9/18/25, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM / Ages: 0-8 **Location: Youth Service Bureau**

Step into a world of wonder with Christopher the Magician! Get ready for jaw dropping illusions, mind-bending tricks, and plenty of audience participation. From classic sleight-of-hand to modern magical surprises, the show is designed to entertain kids and adults alike; you might even leave with a few tricks of your own!

Paint Your Own Pottery: Family Plates / Thursday, 10/16/25, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM / Ages: 3+ **Location: The Firestone Art Studio & Cafe**

Did you know that eating together regularly as a family can lower rates of depression, anxiety, and substance youth for youth and adults? Sharing meals together also increases connection and strengthens communication between family members. Join us for this fun and creative evening, where each family member can paint their own dinner plate! Create a special memory and a colorful dinner table for years to come!

Family Pie Making Workshop / Tuesday, 11/25/25, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM / Ages: All Ages!

Location: Youth Service Bureau

Just in time for Thanksgiving! Join us for a step-by-step apple pie making workshop for the whole family. Together we will peel, stir, and pinch our crust to make a delicious pie to share with family and friends on (or before) Thanksgiving! Pie boxes and instructions to bake your pie at home will be provided.

Family Gingerbread House Competition / Thursday, 12/11/25, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM / Ages: 2+

Location: Youth Service Bureau

Looking for something fun and festive to do as a family? Join us for our 4th Annual Gingerbread House Competition. Families will work together to create their own delicious masterpiece! Houses will be preassembled for your convenience and to provide plenty of time for decorating. Families are welcome to take their gingerbread house home to display (or eat)!

Family Ice Skating / Tuesday, 12/30/25, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM / Ages: 5+

Location: South Windsor Ice Arena

Bundle up the whole family and join us for a private skating event at South Windsor Ice Arena! Whether it's your first time or you're a pro, all are welcome to skate or spectate. Please dress warmly, wear thick socks, and bring gloves. There will be a warming room available with hot chocolate and treats!

Classy Cooking / Tuesdays, 9/23/25 ~ 11/25/25, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM / Ages: 12+

Location: Youth Service Bureau

Join us for Classy Cooking at the Manchester Youth Service Bureau! Youth will learn age-appropriate recipes, some that don't even require an oven. This 10-week hands-on class teaches meal prep, safety, basic techniques, and kitchen confidence.

