

**- 2010 - 2012 -**  
**Directory of**  
**Youth Services**  
**The Mount Vernon Youth Bureau**

**Honorable Clinton I. Young, Jr., Mayor**

**DaMia Harris, Executive Director**



City of Mount Vernon  
**Y**<sup>OUTH</sup>  
**B**<sub>UREAU</sub>





## INTRODUCTION

The Mount Vernon Youth Bureau is the lead agency for municipal youth programming within the City of Mount Vernon. With a focus on youth advocacy, juvenile delinquency prevention and youth development, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau receives more than 1 million dollars in federal, state and local funding annually for the development, delivery and oversight of safe and effective programs for ages 7-21. Since 1965, the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau has provided direct services through after-school, summer, recreational, intergenerational, job readiness training and employment programs; referrals; advocacy projects; assessments and counseling.

The Mount Vernon Youth Bureau provides a myriad of programs which differ in frequency and nature each year and are implemented according to the needs of the community. However, there are eight mainstay services which operate throughout the year, which include the following:

- Juvenile Delinquency and Violence Prevention Programs provides police/ youth communication, mentoring, assessments, training and case management activities for at risk youth ages 12-21
- College/ Career Preparation provides in-school counseling, referrals and workshops to youth ages 14-18; offers Mayors Memorial Educational Assistance Program (scholarships) to families who meet federal income guidelines
- Intergenerational Services provides mentoring and academic enrichment activities to youth ages 7-13; Mount Vernon intergenerational Choir
- Mount Vernon S.T.R.O.N.G Program provides academic support, job readiness and occupational skills training, special interest academies and performing arts to youth ages 14 - 21
- Safe Haven After-school Program provides free homework assistance, recreational and cultural enrichment activities for youth ages 7-12
- Safe Haven Summer Camp provides a full day, 6 week, low cost summer program which includes youth development activities and field trips for youth ages 6-13
- Substance Abuse Prevention Services provides Mount Vernon Community That CARES Coalition activities which include but are not limited to youth development activities; youth and parent surveys; assessments of alcohol and drug outlets; coalition building; neighborhood services, and community referrals
- Youth Employment Services provides job readiness skills training, referrals and placement for youth ages 14-21



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It is my distinct pleasure to provide the City of Mount Vernon residents with the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's 2010 Directory of Youth Services.

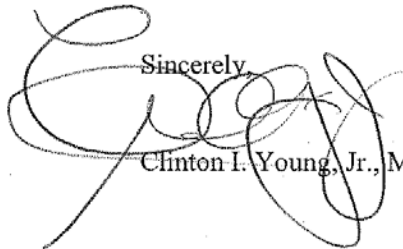
The Mayor's Office and the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau is committed to connecting families to opportunities that will improve the lives of this great city's residents.

Our comprehensive guide presents valuable information pertaining to youth and family services that are offered through community based and government agencies. You will find this directory to be useful particularly when searching for educational, social service, employment and health related resources.

The 2010 Directory of Youth Services will be made available in City Hall through the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau and also online at [www.cmvny.com](http://www.cmvny.com).

Thank you for contributing to this directory and/ or utilizing the services that are listed.

Sincerely,



Clinton I. Young, Jr., Mayor

"CITY OF PRIDE AND GREATNESS"

## Emergency Telephone Numbers

Call these numbers when you don't know where to turn. You will receive confidential information and referrals for an emergency or crisis.

### Emergency

Ambulance.....	911
Animal Bites.....	914-665-2500
Fire.....	911
Hospital.....	914-664-8000
Poison Control.....	1-800-222-1222
Police Community Relations.....	914-665-2533
Non-Emergency Social Service Referrals.....	211

### Alcohol/Drugs

Al-non, Alateen.....	1-888-425-2666
Alcohol Anonymous.....	914-949-1200
Alcoholic/Drug Abuse Hotline.....	1-800-252-6465
Archway Alcoholism Service.....	914-668-1450
Cocaine Anonymous.....	212-929-7300
Marijuana Anonymous.....	212-459-4423
Mount Vernon Open Door.....	914-664-4042
Narcotics Anonymous.....	212-929-6262
Renaissance Project, Inc.....	914-664-3730

### Community Services

Anger Management.....	914-345-0700
Family Service of Westchester.....	914-668-9124
Mental Health Association of Westchester.....	914-345-5900
Mount Vernon Community Service Center.....	914-699-6070 or 914-813-6220
Mount Vernon Youth Bureau – Step up!.....	914-665-2344
Westchester Jewish Community Service.....	914-668-8938

### Criminal Court

Victims Assistance Service (Main Office) .....	914-345-3113
Victims Assistance Service (Mount Vernon).....	914-665-2539
Victims Justice Center D.A.'s Office .....	914-995-3300
Westchester Violence & Child Abuse Bureau's Office.....	914-995-3000

### Crisis Intervention

Boys and Girls Town National Hotline.....	1-800-448-3000
Child Abuse Hotline (General Public).....	1-800-342-3720
(Providers Only).....	1-800-635-1522
Mobil Crisis Team Hotline.....	914-493-7075
Mount Vernon Police Department (Youth Unit).....	914-665-2534
Rape Hotline.....	914-345-9111
Runaway Hotline .....	888-997-1583
S.T.A.R Teen Dating Violence.....	914-747-0828
Suicide Hotline.....	1-800-784-2433

## Driver's License

NYS Department of Motor Vehicles.....1-800-342-5368

## Educational Services

GED Programs-College Careers .....914-428-3435  
Kumon Learning Center.....914-664-4207  
Mount Vernon Board of Education .....914-665-5000

## Employment Information

College Careers.....914-428-3435  
Mount Vernon High School Career Center.....914-665-5264  
Mount Vernon Public Library.....914-668-1840  
Mount Vernon Youth Bureau.....914-665-2344  
One Stop Employment Center .....914-813-6555  
WestCop.....914-665-5138

## Faith Based Organizations / Youth Programs

Allen Memorial Church .....914-699-8861  
Emmanuel Children's Mission .....914-664-1810  
Friendship Baptist Church .....914-668-1210  
Grace Baptist Church .....914-664-2676  
Greater Centennial AME Zion Church .....914-664-1838  
Trinity Community Church .....914-667-0100

## Family Court

Family Abuse Services.....914-995-4020/2019  
Family Services of Westchester.....914-668-9124  
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley.....914-949-1305  
My Sisters' Place Legal Center.....914-683-1333  
New Rochelle Family Court.....914-813-5650  
Pace Women's Justice Center.....914-287-0739  
Westchester County Probation Department.....914-995-3529  
White Plains Family Court Domestic Violence Legal Center.....914-995-7400

## Health & Medical Care

AIDS Hotline.....1-800-541-2347  
Birthright Hotline.....1-888-205-3132  
Child Health Plus .....1-800-698-4KIDS (1-800-698-4543)  
HOPWA .....914-665-7230  
Mount Vernon Hospital.....914-664-8000 ext. 3195  
Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center.....914-699-7200  
Planned Parenthood.....914-668-7927

## Hotlines

Family Abuse Services of the Mental Health Association .....1-888-997-1010  
My Sisters' Place.... .....1-800-298-SAFE or 914-969-5800  
New York State Coalition against Domestic Violence.....1-800-942-6906  
New York State Family Violence Hotline (Spanish) .....800-942-6908  
NYS Child Abuse & Maltreatment Reg. ....1-800-342-3720  
Rape Crisis Helpline.....914-345-9111 or 1-800-726-4041  
Suicide Hotline (24 hours).....1-800-784-2433  
Westchester Hispanic Coalition.....914-948-8466

## Information/Referrals

Community Action Group.....	914-664-8680
Department of Social Services.....	914-665-6200
Mount Vernon Public Library.....	914-668-1840
Mount Vernon Community That Cares .....	914-665-2344
Mount Vernon Youth Bureau.....	914-665-2344
Urban League of Westchester Inc .....	914-667-1010

## Legal

Legal Aid.....	914-286-3400
Student Advocacy.....	914-347-7039
Westchester Legal Service.....	914-949-1305

## Runaway & Homeless

Runaway & Homeless Hotline.....	1-888-997-1583
The Sanctuary (Runaway Hotline and Shelter).....	1-888-997-1583

## Shelters

Northern Westchester Shelter.....	1-888-438-8700
Putnam/Northern Westchester Shelter.....	1-888-438-8700
Women's Resource Center.....	1-845-628-2166
Youth Shelter Program of Westchester Inc... ..	914-668-4702

## Teen Pregnancy Information

Mount Vernon APPS.....	914-664-0699
Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center.....	914-699-7200
Planned Parenthood (Mount Vernon Office).....	914-668-7927
Urban League of Westchester.....	914-667-1 010

## Work Permit Information

Mt. Vernon Board of Education.....	914-665-5000
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## Youth Activities and After School Programs

Boys and Girls Club.... ..	914- 668-9580
Dole Center.....	914-665-2447
Food Patch.....	914-923-1100
Girl Scouts.....	914-747-3080
Health Insurance.....	1-888-FIDELIS
Mount Vernon Boys and Girls Club.....	914-668-9580
Mount Vernon Recreation Department.....	914-665-2420
Mount Vernon YMCA.....	914-668-4041
Mount Vernon Youth Bureau.....	914-665-2344

- GEMS - Girls Embracing Maturity
- Intergenerational Choir
- Mayors Youth Empowerment Council (YEC)
- Mt. Vernon STRONG
- Safe Haven Program
- Step Up!
- V.I.C.T.O.R.Y – Volunteers Inspiring Change Through Opportunities Reaching Youth

Salvation Army.....	914-664-0800
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## Mount Vernon Youth Bureau Available Programs

After - school and Summer Youth Employment Services	Applications available 2nd week in January, March & Sept. From 3-4pm Only for Ages 14-18.	Debbie Burrell, Assistant Youth Service Aide: Tiffany Morris, Summer Director: 914-665-2344
Career Center	Community service and employment referrals at Mount Vernon High School.	Shirley Jackson, Project Coordinator: 914-665-2344
Cook Academy (Through Mount Vernon STRONG)	Job readiness and occupational skills training through resume building, interviewing techniques and hands on culinary lessons.	Hamp Miller, Project Coordinator: Kellyann Fairweather, Project Coordinator: 914 358-2954 (MVHS) 914-665-2344
G.E.M Program (Girls Embracing Maturity)	Mentoring Program for girls ages 12 to 16 held at AB Davis Middle School.	Dena Williams, Youth Program Coordinator: 914-665-2344
HIV/AIDS Peer Education	HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education Program. "Safety First" training with the American Red Cross	Shirley Jackson, Project Coordinator: 914-665-2344
Intergenerational Choir	After School program at Traphagen Elementary for seniors and 5th grade students	Dena Williams, Youth Program Coordinator: Charlotte Moore, Choir Director: 914-665-2344
Legal Eagles ( Law Academy)	Designed to expose students to law-related college and career opportunities. Ages 15-18	Athena DeVincentis, Project Coordinator: 914-438-5901
Life Guard Training	Scholarships for life guard training and certification.	Shirley Jackson, Project Coordinator: 914-665-2344
Mayors Memorial Educational Scholarship	Educational Assistance for full time matriculated students	Elena McIver, Community Worker Aide: 914-665-2344

## Cont'd Mount Vernon Youth Bureau Available Programs

Mayors Youth Empowerment Council (YEC)	Young Ambassadors for the City of Mount Vernon who promote positive change	Dena Williams, Youth Program Coordinator: 914-665-2344
Mount Vernon Communities That Cares (MVCTC) Coalition	Galvanizes parents, community leaders, elected officials, faith-based leaders, youth and more to decrease risk factors and increase protective factors within the City of Mount Vernon. Provides youth challenges, rallies, town hall meetings, assessments and substance/ alcohol use and abuse prevention services	Claudette Coote, Coalition Coordinator: 914-665-2344
Mount Vernon S.T.R.O.N.G Program <b>S</b> tudents <b>T</b> aking <b>R</b> esponsibility, <b>O</b> wnership <b>N</b> ow and <b>G</b> raduating	After-school program for Mt. Vernon High School Students which includes but is not limited to Credit Recovery through online tools; academic support; job readiness skills training; cadet, cook, graphic arts and nursing academies; literacy programs for parents; performing arts; counseling. This program is in partnership with the Mount Vernon City Schools District; The Guidance Center and Westhab Peak Center.	Hamp Miller, Project Coordinator: 914-665-2344  Kellyann Fairweather Project Coordinator for 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grades  Theresa Pisciotta Guidance Center's Project Coordinator for 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> grades  Keith Benjamin, Recreational Project Coordinator:  King Thomas, Community Worker Aide: 358-2954 (MVHS)
Safe Haven Program (After school / Summer Camp)	After School program for ages 6-12	Nigel Butler/ Shalawn Lambert, Project Coordinators: 914-665-2344
Step Up!	Mentoring Program for Young Men	Wayne Woodbury, Project Coordinator: 646-363-8386
Summer Entrepreneurship Academy	Partnership with Westchester Community College Foundation which allows youth to learn how to start a business through the National Federation for Teaching Entrepreneurship Curriculum	Debbie Burrell, Assistant Youth Service Aide: 914-665-2344
The Library Ambassador Program	Partnership with the Westchester Library System which allows youth read to children in various day care centers throughout Westchester County.	Debbie Burrell, Assistant Youth Service Aide: 914-665-2344
V.I.C.T.O.R.Y Program <b>V</b> olunteers <b>I</b> nspiring <b>C</b> hange <b>T</b> hrough <b>O</b> pportunities <b>R</b> eaching <b>Y</b> outh	Community Services Projects	Dena Williams, Youth Program Coordinator: 914-665-2344



**If you would like for your organization's or company's information to be published in the next annual Youth Directory, please contact: Debbie Burrell at [Dburrell@cmvny.com](mailto:Dburrell@cmvny.com) or (914) 665-2344. City Hall, Rm 308**

**ALLEN TEMPLE A.M.E CHURCH**

322 Franklin Ave (corner of Franklin Ave & Jackson St), Mt. Vernon, NY 10553  
Hours: Friday evenings from 6pm - 7:15pm and 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Contact: Rev. Erika D. Crawford  
Phone: 914-699-8861  
[www.allentemple-mtvernon.org](http://www.allentemple-mtvernon.org),  
Email: [office@allentemple-mtvernon.org](mailto:office@allentemple-mtvernon.org)  
Cost: None

On Friday evenings from 6 to 7:30pm they offer Youth Bible Study for young people between 5 and 18 years of age. In the younger class they provide arts and crafts projects that reflect Christian values and the importance of being a reflection of God's love. With the teens they have open discussions on issues related to their day to day lives (violence, choices, peer pressure) and how they can make good decisions that will keep them on a track of positive progression, both spiritually and socially. They provide snacks/light dinner for all of the young people. Immediately following is Choir Rehearsal from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. The choir is open to everyone, not just young people and you do not have to be a "member" of the church to join. They also provide additional youth programming throughout the year, such as day and overnight trips.

**APPS (ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM)**

**WESTCOP**

250 South Sixth Avenue (Dole Center)  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon.- Fri. 9:00am – 5:00pm

Contact:  
Winston Ross, Executive Director  
Kafi Patterson, Program Coordinator  
Phone: 914-664-0699  
Fax: 914-664-0513  
Cost: None

APPS is a NYS Office of Children and Family Services funded consortium of local agencies who serve youth. Programs focus on prevention of teen pregnancy and include the following: after-school programs for elementary and middle school students, college and career information for high school students (Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Career Center); group workshops for pregnant, parenting, and youth at risk of initial pregnancy (Urban League Direct Choices); reproductive health care (Planned Parenthood of

Westchester Rockland; day care for teen mothers who continue their education (Mount Vernon CAG Day Care); individual counseling, crisis intervention and case management for pregnant, parenting, youth at risk (Family Service of Westchester) and mentoring for young males (YMCA). The program coordinator and Parenting Teen Peer Educators are available for workshops on teen sexuality and HIV/AIDS education. Overall, APPS provide youth with the opportunity to build self-esteem, develop life skills and increase community/family involvement.

**Teen Aware**

250 South Sixth Avenue (Dole Center)  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 5:00pm

Contact:  
Winston Ross, Executive Director  
Kafi Patterson, Program Director  
Keisha Kendley, Health Educator  
Joanna Jimenez, Peer Educator Trainer  
Phone: 914-663-1479  
Fax 914-663-1480  
Cost: None

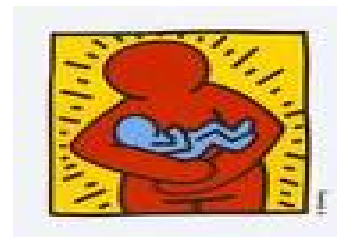
Abstinence and safe sex education with an emphasis on prevention of initial pregnancy. Group counseling/ workshops on a variety of topics including HIV/AIDS, and other STD's, personal hygiene, and relationships. Peer education workshops are available to schools and community agencies.

**AIDS – RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICES (ARCS)**

40 Saw Mill River Road  
Hawthorne, NY 10532  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 5:00pm

Contact:  
Jeffrey Kraus, Executive Director  
Richard Gelb, Program Director  
Phone: 914- 345-8888  
Fax: 914-785-8299  
website: [www.arcs.org](http://www.arcs.org)  
Cost: None

A wide variety of services for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as education and prevention programs for the entire community.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY**

106 North Broadway  
White Plains, NY 10603  
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30am – 4:30pm

Contact:

Robert L. Lenseth, Executive Director  
Barbara Bischoff, Director Health & Safety Services  
Andrea Grimaldia, Program Director  
Phone: 914-946-6500  
Fax: 914-684-6051  
website: [www.westchestercounty.redcross.org](http://www.westchestercounty.redcross.org)  
Cost: None

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement. It is the mission of the American Red Cross to provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

**ANDRUS CHILDRENS CENTER**

1156 North Broadway  
Yonkers, NY 10701  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 7:30pm

Contact:

Marion Anderson, Executive Director  
Lourdes Ogunade, Assistant Executive Director  
Phone: 914-965-3700  
Fax: 914-965-3883  
Website: [www.andruschildren.org](http://www.andruschildren.org)

Community based home visiting services targeting at risk families with young children ages 0-3.

**ARCHWAY/ST. JOHNS RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL**

20 East First Street – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am-5pm

Contact Person:

Raymond Zacchio, Director, Alcohol & Substance Abuse Services  
Phone: 914-668-1450  
Fax: 914-668-0409  
[Website: www.riversidehealth.org](http://www.riversidehealth.org)  
Cost: Medicaid, D.S.S

The outpatient clinic has a full range of services for alcoholics/addicts and family members. The youth and adolescent program consists of groups for children of alcoholics/addicts and intensive treatment programs for substance abusing adolescent ages 13-19.

**AC-BAW (ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY BASED ARTISTS OF WESTCHESTER)**

128 South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Tues. - Sat. 10:00am – 4:00pm  
Thurs. 10:00am – 7:00pm

Contact Person:

William Sullivan, President  
Phone: 914-667-7278  
Fax: 914-667-2386  
Website: [www.acbaw.org](http://www.acbaw.org)

Art Exhibitions. The teacher/student exhibit is an annual collaboration between AC-BAW and the Mount Vernon Board of Education, which is held each June. The Children’s Summer Arts Institute is a summer camp offering music, painting, photography, sculpture and printmaking. Martial Arts, the VanDerZee Society for Photographers and Video-graphers, Art Lift Off: A National Celebration – an annual activity in recognition of National Arts & Humanities Month each October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our upstairs Multi-Media Center offers space for meeting, fashion shows, plays, special programs, lectures and consultations.

**BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS of Family Service of Westchester**

(See Family Service of Westchester)  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 6:00pm

Phone: 914-963-4453  
Fax: 914-963-6968  
Cost: free for children  
Volunteers pay a \$25 processing fee.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters provide adult mentors to children from single parent homes ages 7-15 living in Westchester County. Volunteers are recruited, screened and trained.

**BOYS’ AND GIRLS’ CLUB OF MOUNT VERNON Inc.**

350 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 3:00 pm- 6:30 pm

Contact Person:

Lowes Moore, Executive Director  
Phone: 914-668-9580  
Fax: 914-668-1902  
Website :[www.Bgcmvny.com](http://www.Bgcmvny.com)

Provides a broad range of after-school and Summer programs in five core program areas: Education, Career Development, Character, Leadership Development, Health and Life Skills. As well as programs for Arts, Sports, Fitness and Recreation.

**CAREER CENTER/  
MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL  
(Youth Bureau)**

100 California Road – Room 187  
Mount Vernon, NY 10552  
Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 8:30am – 2:15pm

Contact Person:  
Shirley Jackson, Counselor  
Phone: 914-665-5264

Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau in cooperation with the Mount Vernon Board of Education and the APPS (Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Services) program. Provides work/study programs, employment, counseling and career/college exploration and College tours.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES –  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
SERVICES**

Westchester County Department of Social Services:  
Office of Child Protective Services Program Office  
10 County Center Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
White Plains, NY 10607  
Hours: Mon-Fri. 9am-4pm

The New York State Central Register hotline **1-800-342-3720** transmits all reports to the Westchester D.S.S. For information weekdays, 9:00am to 4:00pm, call **914-995-5333**; on weekends and on holidays, reports are received by Emergency Services, which can be reached through a hotline at **914-995-2099**.

Westchester County receives and begins investigating reports of abuse or maltreatment 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Investigation and follow up on reports of child abuse and neglect. Make referrals to other agencies for treatment. Investigation is to assess imminent danger to children and to provide services to the family to prevent foster care placement whenever possible.

**COLLEGE CAREERS FUND OF  
WESTCHESTER, INC.**

P.O. Box 1530  
190 East Post Road 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
White Plains, NY 10602

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs,  
9:00a.m.12:30p.m.  
Phone: 914-428-3435  
Fax: 914-428-3328

Contact Person:  
Blanche Walker, Executive Director  
Stanley Ferrell, Project Coordinator/

Cost: None

The Step Forward Program is a tutorial Program in Mount Vernon at the Mount Vernon Public Library, for high school dropouts, ages 17 to 21, which prepares them to secure a general equivalency high school diploma. Group and individual counseling sessions are offered to help raise self-esteem and improve relationships with teachers, family and job supervisors.

**COLLIN ALLEN DAYCARE CENTER**

103 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: 7:30a.m. – 5p.m

Contact Person:  
Andria Brown, Executive Director  
Phone: 914-664-7005  
Fax: 914-664-7048

Cost: Based on income

Provides day care services for children of Mount Vernon residents from 4 months to 4 years old.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
ASSOCIATES, INC.**

115 Sharpe Blvd. South  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 7:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.  
(Crisis Center) Office: 10am-6pm  
Dinner Served at 5:00 pm

Contact Person:  
Roberta Apuzzo, Executive Director  
Jared Apuzzo, Program Director  
Phone 914-668-1428  
Fax: 914-664-3260

Sponsors three programs: Heavenly Start- A full course of breakfast served on Tues. – Fri. 7am. Our Daily Bread - Lunch wrapped up and place in a brown paper bag to be taken out after breakfast is served. Project Family - A full course dinner meal program, which serves four nights per week Tues. – Fri. 5:00pm – 5:45pm.

Mount Vernon Crisis Intervention Center, a drop-in center for crisis counseling, Social Service problems, emergency shelter referrals, clothing, food pantry, support groups and after-school programs. “THROUGH GOD’S HANDS”. preparation and packaging of groceries to homebound HIV/AIDS patients and their caretakers.



**COMMUNITY SCHOOL INITIATIVE  
- A.B. DAVIS SCHOOL**

350 Gramatan Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10552  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 6:00pm

Contact Person:  
Harry A. Dawkins, Program Director  
914-665-5120

Community School Initiative is an after-school program funded by the United Way and WESTCOP which is designed to enhance the academic, career and social skills of at-risk middle school youth ages 11-15.

**DAYTOP VILLAGE, Inc.**

246 North Central Park Avenue  
Hartsdale, NY 10530  
Hours: Tues, Thurs. 9:00 am – 9:00 pm Wed. 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Contact Person:  
Cari Ramos, Secretary  
William Juliano, Managing Director  
Robert Anderson, Program Director  
Phone: 914-949-6640  
Fax: 914-949-5429  
Website: [www.Daytop.org](http://www.Daytop.org)

Daytop Village is the oldest and largest drug-free therapeutic community-based program in the world. We are committed to building a drug-free world through treatment and prevention of those whose lives have been inflicted. Our goal is to build productive satisfying drug-free lives. We provide a comprehensive choice of services for adolescents, adults, families and siblings.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
SERVICES, Westchester County –  
Mount Vernon Office**

100 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 5:00pm

Contact Person:  
Leonard Tomnes  
Phone: 914-813-6039  
Fax: 914-813-6464  
Email: [LTT1@Westchestergov.com](mailto:LTT1@Westchestergov.com)

Offers a wide range of benefit programs including public assistance, food stamps and Medicaid for eligible individuals and families. Services are provided to recipients of these programs in the areas of housing, employment, training, information and referrals. Child protective services, adoption, foster care and services to prevent the need for foster care are provided.

**FAMILY EMPLOYMENT  
RETENTION SERVICES  
PROGRAM**

143 Grand Street  
White Plains, NY 10601  
Hours: 24hrs. / 7 days

Contact Person :  
Nereida Ortiz, Supervisor  
Phone: 914-995-7492  
Fax: 914-995-7493

Cost: None

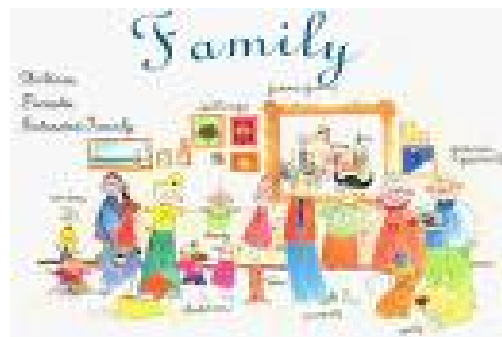
Post employment/retention services provided by WCDSS to individuals whose family assistance cases have been recently closed due to increased earnings as a result of having secured employment.

**FAMILIES FIRST INTENSIVE CASE  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM/ THE  
LEXINGTON CENTER FOR  
RECOVERY**

70 Ashburton Ave 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Yonkers, NY 10701  
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9am – 5:00pm  
Plus 24 hrs on call availability

Contact Person:  
Jackie Nicholas, Program Executive Director  
Phone: 914-423-6570  
Fax: 914-423-6736

Intensive Case Management Services to families suffering from chemical dependency and substance abuse. Assist families in staying together and assist parents in accessing chemical dependency treatment. Work with families for at least nine months. Families must be TANF eligible.



## **FAMILY MATTERS**

(See Westchester Jewish Community Services)

1 Odell Plaza

Yonkers, NY 10701

Hours: Staff is available, Mon. – Fri. from 9:00 am– 5:00 pm. Services are also available in Spanish.

Contact Person:

Caroline Murphy, Program Director

Phone: 914-237-6089

Fax: 914-237-6099

Website: [www.wjcs.com](http://www.wjcs.com)

Provides a wide range of intensive, mobile clinical and case management services to families, children and adolescents, who are seriously emotionally disturbed. Individualized and wrap around services that include family, individual and group counseling, psychiatric consultations, crisis intervention and prevention, recreation, parent education, training, tutoring, mentoring, case management, and vocational opportunities. Services are mobile and are provided as needed.

## **FAMILY SERVICE OF MOUNT VERNON**

9 West Prospect Avenue, Suite 309

Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Hours: Mon., Wed, Thurs. 9:00am- 8:00 pm

Tues. & Fri. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Cost: Sliding scale, Medicaid and/or Major Insurance

Contact Person:

Thomas Sanders, CSW, President/CEO

Bernard Murell, CSW, Program Director

Sue Eisenberger, Contact Person/Secretary

Phone: 914-668-9124

Fax: 914-668-0940

Website: [www.fsw.org](http://www.fsw.org)

Email: [bmurell@fsw.org](mailto:bmurell@fsw.org)

Family Services of Westchester is an outpatient mental health facility that operates in 8 different cities throughout Westchester County.

### **Family Mental Health Services** -include

individual, marital, family and group counseling.

Programs targeted for school aged youth including supportive services for children placed in foster care.

Psychological and psychiatric evaluations.

**Mobile Assessment Team** – Site based at two family shelters in Mount Vernon (Westhab & WestHELP).

Clinical assessments and brief clinical services to the homeless population.

Family preservation and intensive case management for homeless families' residents at the shelters and transitional housing identified as in need of intensive services to achieve self-sufficiency.

## **A.P.P.S (Adolescent Pregnancy and Preventive Services)**

– Provides intensive case management crisis intervention and mental health to youth at risk of pregnancy as well as pregnant and parenting teens.

Services and workshops are provided at the clinic as well as on site at Mount Vernon High School, Nelson Mandela Community School, and the Youth Shelter.

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters** – A service which matches adult volunteers to children from single parent homes ages 7-15 by providing a consistent and caring one to one relationship. Volunteers are recruited, screened and trained.

## **ADAPT (A Different Approach for Parents and Teens)**

– Provides an opportunity for parents and youth eleven years of age and older to work on their differences together through mediation. This program is voluntary and free. It often serves as a diversion from "PINS" petition.

## **FAMILY TIES**

158 Gramatan Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Hours: Mon. – Fri. 10:00am – 4:00pm

Contact: Mrs. Nancy R. Clarke, Program Director

Phone: 914-663-4931

Fax: 914-663-4679

website: [www.familytieswestchester.org](http://www.familytieswestchester.org)

Bert Littlejohn, Resource Center Site Manager

Email: [blittlejohn@familytieswestchester.org](mailto:blittlejohn@familytieswestchester.org)

Cost: None/or by appointment

Children participate in typical day camp activities, games, physical fitness program, music, arts and crafts, trips, swimming, reading and math. Tutoring will also be offered. Breakfast and Lunch served.





**4-H DEVELOPMENT – CORNELL  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

26 Legion Drive  
Valhalla, NY 10595  
Office hours: 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Mon. – Fri.

Contact:  
Barbara Sacks, Executive Director  
Phone: 914-285-4620  
Fax: 914-285-4624

Cost: Varies

The purpose of the Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program is to create supportive learning environments in which diverse youth and adults reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, and caring citizens.

**FAMILY TIES  
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH  
SUMMER DAY CAMP**

135 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:00am – 4:30pm  
Phone: 914-664-3846

Cost: \$350 for seven weeks in the summer

Provides support, information, education, and advocacy to families of children who are emotionally or behaviorally challenged. Parent support groups are held several times a month. Free childcare is provided.

**GIRL SCOUTS OF  
WESTCHESTER/PUTNAM**

2 Great Oaks Lane  
Pleasantville, NY 10570

Contact:  
CEO: Pamela I. Anderson x224  
Email: [panderson@girlscoutshh.org](mailto:panderson@girlscoutshh.org)  
COO: Hada L. Reed x223  
Email: [hreed@girlscoutshh.org](mailto:hreed@girlscoutshh.org)  
Contact : Mary Benes x232  
Email: [mbenes@girlscoutshh.org](mailto:mbenes@girlscoutshh.org)  
Phone: 914-747-3080  
Fax: 914-747-4263

Website: [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org)

Provides programs for girls, ages 5-17. Troops and volunteers work with other agencies and organizations to provide special older girls' programs and events. **There are 18 troops in Mount Vernon. For local information call: 667-4256**

**GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH**

52 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Sun- Sat 9:00 am –9:00 pm

Contact:  
Pastor - Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Executive Director:  
Dr. Priscilla Dixon Assoc. Pastor for Youth, Program Director  
Phone: 914-664-2676  
Fax: 914-664-2833  
Website: [www.gracechurchtoday.org](http://www.gracechurchtoday.org)

Cost: Free

After-school tutorial (grades K-12). Daisies, Brownies, Girl Scout Troops meet on Friday, 5 pm– 7 pm Boy Scouts meet on Fridays, 7 pm – 8:30 pm. Girl talk, a mentoring program for girls in grades 6-12. and G for G, mentoring group for boys in grades 6-12).

**LITERACY CENTER AT  
MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

Mount Vernon Public Library  
28 South First Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. –Thurs. 10:00am – 8:00pm  
Fri. – Sat. 9:00am – 5:00pm  
Sun. 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Contact Person:  
Pearl B. Gill, Advisory Board President  
Phone: 914-668-1840 ext.204  
Fax: 914-699-1118

The Literacy Center helps adults who need to improve their English communication skills and tutoring assistance at the Library. Initial screening is provided in the Literacy Center office. Students are interviewed, tested and matched with an appropriate tutor. Students meet with their tutors at the Mount Vernon Public Library where tutoring space, computer workstations, materials, on-site support services and the Library's vast resources are readily available.



## **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE – MOUNT VERNON**

12 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: 7 days a week, 24 hrs a day

### Contact Person:

Claus P. VonSchorn, MD., Acting chairman of  
Psychology Department  
Phone: 914-664-8000 Ext. 7199  
Fax: 914-665-1550

Cost: Medicaid, Medicare, and Health Insurance

The Mental Health Service includes: an inpatient psychiatric unit, a medication clinic and a Partial Hospitalization Program. **See Mt. Vernon Community Service Center, Rockland Community Mental Health and Family Service of Westchester**

## **MOUNT VERNON CAG HEADSTART/DAY CARE**

250 South Sixth Avenue,  
Mount Vernon, NY, 10550  
Hours: Mon.- Fri. 7:00 am- 5: 45 pm

### Contact Person:

Winston Ross, Executive Director  
Malika Maccabee, Program Director  
Phone: 914-664-8688/ 8614  
Fax: 914-664-8708

Cost: Fee Scale

Pre-school program- Infant Toddlers 8 weeks -3 years old. Day Care 3 years – 5 years. Head Start & Day Care

## **MOUNT VERNON CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED**

Planning Dept. - City Hall  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Contact Person: Judith Williams  
Phone: 914-699-7230  
Fax: 914-699-1435

Addresses the problems of the disabled in the community of Mount Vernon.

## **MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP (C.A.G.)**

42 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 3:30pm

### Contact Person:

Kiron Dawkins, Executive Director  
Phone: 914-664-8680  
Fax: 914-664-6943

Cost: All services are free.

Mount Vernon C.A.G. is ready to assist you with problems concerning: families without food, H.E.A.P., immigration, food stamps, Medicare and Medicaid applications, NYNEX Lifeline, S.H.A.R.E., senior citizen advocacy, housing issues, victim's assistance services counseling, notary services, student nurse, checking blood pressure, weight and helping with nutrition questions, free clothing and furniture, emergency food pantry.

Bi-lingual worker on staff.

## **MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER**

100 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. 9:00am– 8:00pm  
Tues. 9:00am – 7:00pm

Contact: Adrienne E. Cooke, CSW  
Richard Arenson, M.D., Director of Division and Community Choice.  
Frances Dugan, Center Administration  
Phone: 914-813-6223  
Fax: 914-813-6227

Cost: Some Insurances, Medicaid, Managed Medicaid, Sliding Scale, Medicare, Health Source

The focus is on behavior management and building relationships for children and adolescents. As well as teaching children, adolescents and adults to manage their feelings and impulses, using words instead of actions. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. We offer a thorough assessment, which includes psychological and medication evaluations as needed.

## **MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY THAT CARES**

Contact:  
Keisha Kendley and Richard Nightingale, Co- chairs,  
Claudette Coote, Coalition Coordinator

Phone: 914 665 2344

EMAIL: [CCoote@cmvny.com](mailto:CCoote@cmvny.com)

The MVCTC operates through the city of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau  
Mission Statement: We envision Mount Vernon as a safe community of healthy individuals and nurturing families with abundant, accessible resources and quality full service schools sustained by spiritual strength. The work of MVCTC will focus on preventing risk factors and increasing protective factors in the following areas: substance abuse, delinquency, teen pregnancy, school dropouts and violence.

**MOUNT VERNON P.T.S.A**

100 California Road  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: Mon. – Fri. 10:00am - 2:00pm

**Contact:**

Melanie Moses Watson, President  
 Phone: 914-665-5300

PTA Council is comprised of representatives from the PTA units of each school and special education. The main objective of the PTA is to promote the welfare of our children in home, school, and community.

**MOUNT VERNON DAY CARE CENTER, INC.**

151 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: Mon. – Fri. 7:30am – 6:00pm

**Contact:**

Linda Iglehart, Executive Director  
 Farnese Shelton, Educational Coordinator  
 Phone: 914-664-6557  
 Fax: 914- 664-1429

Cost: Sliding scale fee

Pre-school children ages 21 months to kindergarten. Comprehensive program specializing in child development.

**MOUNT VERNON HEADSTART (West Help Child Care Program)**

136 Union Avenue  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00a.m. – 11:45p.m. &  
 Mon. – Fri. 1:00pm – 3:45pm

**Contact Person:**

Karla Glenn, Director  
 Phone: 914-664-5098  
 Fax: 914-664-2221

Cost: Free to income eligible residents

Head start is a comprehensive early childhood program which prepares children and families to be successful in future educational experiences. We take children 2.9 years to 4 years old.

**MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

40 South Fourth Avenue  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550

**Contact:**

Dennis Hanratty, President  
 Kay Hammonds, Secretary  
 Phone: 914-668-5108  
 Fax: 914-699-7449

Provides information and sponsors community-wide programs in the areas of youth, mental health, substance abuse and housing. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from September to June, at the Mount Vernon YMCA 12:00 noon to 1:00pm. The public is invited.

**MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE**

12 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

**Contact Person:**

Nick D'Addesio, Sr. Vice-President, CEO  
 Phone: 914-664-8000 ext. 3750  
 Fax: 914-665-1550

Cost: Varies – Most insurances, Medicare and Medicaid pay for our services.

The hospital provides comprehensive health care, counseling and education. Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Unit, Medical Stabilization Unit, Outpatient Clinics, Methadone Program, and Partial Psychiatric Hospital Program. Some programs offered by the hospital include: Pediatric clinic open 6 days a week, a Pediatric inpatient ward, and an array of services to children of substance abusers (COSA) Community outreach efforts addressing youth related subjects include: immunization fairs, lead screenings, poison control programs and educational lectures.

**MOUNT VERNON HOUSING OPPORTUNITES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)**

City Hall – Roosevelt Square Room 301  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am– 4:30pm  
 Phone: 914-699-7230  
 Fax: 914-699-1435

**Contact Person:**

Carmen Sylvester, Executive Director  
 Danielle Scholar, Program Director

HOPWA services individuals and families infected and affected with HIV/AIDS. HOWPA provides case management services, housing assistance, community education, technical assistance, information, referrals and a nutrition delivery program.





## **MOUNT VERNON NAACP**

P.O. Box 1130  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

### Contact:

Mary Sommerville, President  
Phone: 914-699-3784  
Website: [www.naacp.org](http://www.naacp.org)

The **mission** of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. The **vision** of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

**Youth Leadership and Activism** - The NAACP believes strongly that future leaders must be developed today, and such development is ongoing in the Youth & College Division, created in 1936. Today there are more than 30,000 young people representing 600 Youth Councils, High School Chapters and College Chapters actively involved in the fight for civil rights. The NAACP has one of the largest organized groups of young people of any secular organization in the country.

## **MOUNT VERNON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER**

107 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Hours: Mon, Weds, Thurs, 9:00am – 8:00pm Tues. & Fri.  
9:00am – 5:00pm  
Sat. 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Yonkers Office: 30 South Broadway  
914-968-4898

### Contact:

Carole Morris, Executive Director  
Dr. Nora Farkouh, Director Adolescent  
Mirella Pachot, Contact Person  
Phone: 914-699-7200  
Fax: 914-699-0837  
Email: [mirellaX75@aol.com](mailto:mirellaX75@aol.com)  
Website MVNHC.ORG

Cost: Medicaid, Insurance, and sliding scale available

Comprehensive health care, counseling, birth control information and education, Venereal Disease screening and treatment, rap groups, teens Lamaze, childbirth and parenting education classes. HIV/AIDS case management/Testing and treatment program. Counseling, confidential testing, treatment, support, referrals and advocacy.

## **Adolescent Counseling Services**

Intensive counseling of adolescents 12-18 years of age. Counseling therapy incorporates both individual and their families. Program offers strict confidentiality and treats emotionally and mentally challenged teens on various levels. The program also offers Rap Sessions for teens as well as a support group for obese adolescents. Another component to our services is Tobacco Education/Cessation for teens and adults.

## **MOUNT VERNON OPEN DOOR PROGRAM**

60 South Third Avenue, Third Floor  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-4:30pm

### Contact:

Dense Andrews, Program Director  
Phone: 914-664-4042  
Fax: 914-664-5633  
EMAIL: [dandrews@westcop.org](mailto:dandrews@westcop.org)  
Website: [http://www.westcop.org/m\\_sub.htm](http://www.westcop.org/m_sub.htm)

Cost: Sliding scale, Medicaid & Insurance

Medically supervised drug-free outpatient substance abuse treatment program, which provides short and long-term treatment to individuals who are chemically dependent. Assessments provides: individual, group, and family counseling; life skills and parenting training; vocational and educational (GED) classes; HIV testing and counseling; urine screening; Narcotics Anonymous meetings; and relapse prevention. Bi-lingual counseling (Spanish) available.



**MOUNT VERNON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT - YOUTH UNIT**

Mount Vernon Police Dept. Room 172  
2 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Contact:

Barbara Duncan, Chief  
Det. Jennifer Carpenter  
Det. Anthony Mitchell  
Phone 914-667-1027

Website: <http://www.mountvernonpolice.com/>

The Youth Unit (Squad) is responsible for: Coordinating investigations/arrests involving juvenile suspects. Maintaining a county-wide Juvenile Central Registry which includes all police contacts with juveniles, collecting, maintaining and disseminating on juvenile records, developing programs to prevent/control juvenile delinquency, assisting officers from other units with juvenile arrests/diversions, maintaining a liaison with Family Court and other special agencies and advising the Department of procedural changes which will affect the Department's juvenile-related activities coordinating "Missing Person" investigations/maintaining a Central File on "Missing Person," assisting police officers in the investigation of any crime involving a child victim or any complaint of child abuse or neglect, investigations and conducting investigations if incidents involve sexual exploitation of children and maintaining files on known pedophiles.

**MOUNT VERNON PRE  
KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

625 South Fourth Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 11:00am  
and 12:30pm – 3:00pm  
Phone: 914-665-5077  
Fax: 914-699-1705

Pre-K School for four-year-olds. Special Education and related services are available if needed.

**MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

28 South 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Contact:

Opal Brown Lindsey, Library Director  
Karen Preuss, Deputy Director  
Phone: 914-668-1840  
Fax: 914-668-1018

Website: <http://www.mountvernonpubliclibrary.org/>

Provides reference assistance and reader's advisory services in the library or by phone. Job information and Education Center. Up-to-date, computerized N.Y. State Department of Labor's "JOB PLUS" service. Computer access to all Westchester County public libraries, college libraries, government documents; also indexes to

magazines and newspapers. Literacy volunteers, Mills Law collection, programs, films, workshops, concerts, seminars and library tours. World Wide Web and the Internet.

**MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
PREVENTION PROGRAM**

165 North Columbus Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: 8:30am – 4:00pm

Dr. Welton Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools

Phone: 914-665-5216  
Fax: 914-665-3395

A variety of program components offered to students to prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse. The offerings includes: after school activities; mentoring programs; peer mediation and conflict resolution; summer sports programs and employment; discussion groups on alcohol and drugs. Abuse services from social workers, school psychologists, student assistance counselors; parent workshop; and the D.A.R.E. program.

**MOUNT VERNON RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**

City Hall – Room 3  
One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 4:30pm

Contact:

Rasul Salahuddin, Commissioner  
Doris Bolden, Secretary  
Phone: 914-665-2420  
Fax: 914-665-2421

Website: [www.cmvny.com](http://www.cmvny.com)

Cost: small fee for some programs

The Recreation Department provides programs at various community locations. These include Mind Body and Goal, Boxing and African Drumming at the Reverend Shelton E. Doles Community Center, Baseball Clinic at The Mount Vernon High School, Yoga at Mount Vernon Hospital, Open Gym at A.B. Davis Middle School, Golf at the Sport Underdone, Tennis at the Tennis Center, as well as many other activities. They also offer specialty programs for the developmentally disabled. The department offers summer camp activities inclusive of Summer Day Camp, A Teen Camp, Football and Basketball Clinics. The Recreation Department has Senior Citizen Program at the Amory Senior Center and The Doles Community Center. These programs include exercise, bingo, various trips outside of the center and a senior meal program. The department sponsors a basketball tournament, softball league, little league, and a concert series held on the plaza at City Hall.

**MOUNT VERNON SCHOOLS  
DISTRICT (Education Center)  
Parent Involvement Advisory  
Committee (DPIAC)**

165 North Columbus Avenue.  
Mount Vernon, NY 10552  
Hours: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at the Education  
Center

Contact:  
Delia Farquharson,  
Phone: 914-665-5000  
Fax: 914-699-1705

D.P.I.A.C. is an adhoc committee establish for the purpose of creating the District's Parent Involvement Policy. The program assisting with the development of individual school policies, actions plans and providing district wide activities that support parents' involvement. Parents are invited to join this committee.

**MOUNT VERNON SERVICE  
CENTER**

**See Rockland Community Mental Health**  
60 South Third Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY, 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

Contact:  
James Bopp, Executive Director  
Phone: 914-699-6070  
Fax: 914-699-8295  
Email: [rpsrml@gw.omh.state.ny.us](mailto:rpsrml@gw.omh.state.ny.us)

Cost: Medicaid, Medicare, State Managed  
Care, etc.

Rehabilitative services for adults recovering from co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders. Psychotropic medication coupled with individual and group therapy.

**MOUNT VERNON TASK FORCE ON AIDS**

City Hall – Room 301  
One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Contact:  
Danielle Scholar, Program Director  
Phone: 914-699-7230 ext. 138  
Fax: 914-665-0823

The Mount Vernon Task Force on AIDS is a non-profit organization created with the intention to inform and educate our community on ways to help build understanding of this illness and promote education and training of our teens, so that the community's youth are protected. Teen "Peer-to-Peer Educators" meet weekly with advisors.

**MOUNT VERNON UNITED TENANTS INC.**

40 South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10551  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 6:00pm or by appointment.

Contact:  
Dennis Hanratty, Executive Director  
Phone: 914-699-1114  
Fax: 914-699-7449  
Email: [MVUT@EROLS.COM](mailto:MVUT@EROLS.COM)

Cost: Annual membership dues \$12.00

**Homelessness Prevention** – Individual tenant/landlord interventions in cases where tenants face dispossession action.

**Tenant Action Project** – Build tenant organizing assistance to help secure increased services-reduced rents, lessening of landlord harassment; lobby various government levels (municipal, county, state, federal) for policies which protect tenants' rights and maintain rental housing as a viable and affordable housing alternative; organize on a variety of issues that affect the quality of life for community residents, e.g. domestic violence, teen/youth violence, national health care etc. Other services: Home buying assistance; Hispanic Outreach; and Re-housing Services.

**MOUNT VERNON YMCA  
(Family Center of the YMCA of Central & Northern  
Westchester)**

20 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon.– Fri. 5:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Sat. 8:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Contact:  
Karen Watts, Director  
Henry Wilson, Deputy Director  
Phone: 914-668-4041  
Fax: 914-668-5407  
Website: [www.ymca.org](http://www.ymca.org)

The Mount Vernon YMCA Family Center offers adult, senior and family social, recreational and educational programs. Fitness and nutritional programs. Adult weight training, student weight training, swimming programs for all age groups. Creative movement and arts programs. Educational seminars for all age groups for many subjects. Temporary housing for males. Family programming.



## **MOUNT VERNON YOUTH BUREAU**

City Hall – Room 308  
One Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 4:30pm

### **Contact:**

DaMia Harris, Executive Director  
Debbie Burrell, Assistant Youth Service Aide  
Elena McIver, Office Assistant  
Hemp Miller, Project Coordinator  
Tiffany Morris, Summer Program Director  
King Thomas, Community Worker Aide  
Dena Williams, Youth Program Coordinator  
Wayne Woodbury, Project Coordinator  
Phone: 914-665-2344  
Fax: 914-6651373

The Mount Vernon Youth Bureau is the municipal agency for youth and is responsible for increasing public awareness regarding the needs of youth and families. The Bureau provides direct services; information and referrals; conducts need assessments, plans programs, develop inter-agency linkages, researches funding sources and writes proposals.

### **Programs sponsored:**

#### **Youth Employment Service Programs:**

City Hall – Room 307  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Debbie Burrell, Assistant Youth Service Coordinator  
Phone: 914-665-2344

- After-school and summer employment
- World of Work Program
- Youth Empowerment Program
- Older Youth Programs (WIA)

#### **Safe Haven After-School Programs:**

City Hall – Room 307  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hemp Miller, Project Coordinator  
Wayne Woodbury, Project Coordinator  
Dena Williams, Youth Program Coordinator  
Phone: 914-665-2344

- Gems Program
- Mount Vernon STRONG
- Step Up!
- Youth Empowerment Council

The Safe Haven Programs are a collaborative effort between the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau and the Mount Vernon Board of Education. The programs foster positive youth development through tutorial homework help, field trips, and participation in quarterly performances.  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 3:30pm– 6:30pm

## **Safe Haven Summer Camp**

Summer Program (6 weeks) Day camp for children ages 7-12. Quality programs including field trips, art & crafts, YAMMA Drill team, recreational activities, etc.

Fee: TBD includes two T-shirts and admission to all activities.

Hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm

## **Mount Vernon Intergenerational Programs**

Dena Williams, Youth Program Coordinator  
Lavinia Smith, Senior Consultant  
Phone: 914-665-2344

Senior citizens volunteer to meet weekly with students in targeted schools to explore local issues and have an exchange of information and ideas concerning Mount Vernon.

## **Mount Vernon High School Career Center**

Shirley Jackson, Employment Counselor  
Phone: 914-665-5260  
Counseling, referrals, workshops and job placement.  
Information on colleges and financial aid.

## **MY SISTERS PLACE**

### **Domestic Violence Education & Prevention Program**

2 Lyon Place, Suite 300  
White Plains, NY 10601

### **Contact:**

Karen Cheeks-Lomax, Executive Director  
Rachael Wolff, Coordinator Children and Youth Services  
Hotline: 1-800-298-SAFE (7233) 24hr  
Phone: 914-683-1333  
Fax: 914-683-1599  
Website: [www.mysistersplaceny.org](http://www.mysistersplaceny.org)

Residential and community based service for women, teens, and children affected by domestic violence and abuse in other relationships. Services include support groups, individual support, legal assistance, and advocacy. The Domestic Violence Education and Prevention (DVEP) Program provides presentations, group and individual support for teens, primarily within the middle and senior high school. Presentations are also available for parents, teachers, counselors and other school professionals. Youth Advisory Council meets monthly.

**MY SISTERS PLACE cont.**

DVEP offers supportive counseling for teens (ages 12-18) that have experienced dating violence or witnessed domestic violence in the home. Additionally, specialized services are available for LGBTQI teens that are living with or existing violent dating relationships.  
 Shelter: 7 days  
 Office: Mon. – Fri.  
 Hours: Days/Evenings

Cost: None

**MY SISTER'S PLACE****Legal Services**

100 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
 Suite 810,  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 (914) 813-6883  
 24 hour hotline (1-800) 298-SAFE (7233)

Serving Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, and Pelham Residents. My Sisters' Place has opened an office in Mount Vernon, in collaboration with Legal Service of the Hudson Valley and Westchester Hispanic Coalition. My Sisters' Place offers legal counseling for domestic violence issues, as well as individual crisis intervention, supporting counseling, advocacy for social support, and legal advice, counsel and representation. My Sisters' Place has two emergency shelters and a 24-hour hotline: (1-800) 298-SAFE (7233). People can see an attorney on a walk-in basis or by calling for an appointment.

**NEW BEGINNINGS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE**

125 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: Mon – Fri 7:30am –5:45pm

Contact:  
 Sister Dallas  
 Serapher Conn-Halevi, Executive Director  
 Naomi Halevi, Project Director  
 Phone: 914-699-0031  
 Fax: 914-699-1578

Cost: Sliding scale  
 Child care for ages 6 weeks – 5 years old full day and 6 years – 12 years before and after care

**NORMAN'S COUNSELING & CONSULTATION SERVICES**

11 W. Prospect Avenue  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: Mon. & Sat. 9:00am – 8:30pm

Contact:  
 Mable Norman, Executive Director  
 Phone: 914-665-1408

Cost: Sliding scale, Medicare, HMO & Private Insurance

Providing individual, group, family and marital/couple psychotherapy. Specialized in African American and Caribbean focused support groups. We also offer group seminars and presentations addressing parenting education. Male and female relationship issues and cultural diversity workshops.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD HUDSON PECONIC, INC.**

14 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: Tues., Wed., and Fri. 9:00am – 5:00pm and every other Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Contact:  
 Erica Peterson, Center Director  
 Phone: 914-668-7927  
 Fax: 914-668-7967  
 Referral Line: 1-800-248-7797

Cost: Insurance: Medicaid, Oxford, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Health Source, Empire and more.

Provides family planning services to men and women in the Mount Vernon community. Services include pregnancy testing/counseling, STD testing, gynecological examinations, male examinations, HIV testing, birth control method checking and counseling.

**RENAISSANCE PROJECT, INC.**

(Mount Vernon Out – Patient Drug Facility)  
 3 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00am – 5:00pm  
 Tues. and Thurs. group meeting 6pm – 7pm

Contact:  
 Norman Lipton, Program Director  
 Phone: 914-664-3730  
 Website: [www.renaissance-project.org](http://www.renaissance-project.org)

Provides individual counseling, group sessions, family conferences and a referral system; operates an inpatient facility in Ulster County to service all substance abusers; friends and parents organizations are available to aid family and friends in coping with their drug-involved person. Provides consultation to corporations, schools, community groups and other agencies. Children and sibling groups for brothers and sisters.



**ROCKLAND COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER**

(Mount Vernon Service Center)  
60 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 5:00pm  
Phone: 914-699-6070 or  
Fax: 914-699-8295

Provides an array of mental health services to seriously mentally ill adults (18+) living in the Westchester area. Programs include: Clinic, Continuing Day Treatment Program including one for Mentally Ill Chemical Abusers (MICA), and GEST (Geriatric Evaluation and Services Team), the center also provides Case Management Services (CSS), Intensive Case Management Services (ICM), Psychosocial Club (Avatar House) and IPRT- Intensive Psychiatric and Rehabilitation opportunities.

**ROCKLAND CHILDREN’S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER**

140 Old Orange Burge Road  
Orange Burge, NY 10962

Contact:  
James Bopp, Executive Director  
Phone: 845-359-1000 or (845) 868-8004

Preventative services to pre-school, adolescent children and their families.

**SMITHERNS CENTER AT SAINTJOHN RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL**

20 East First Street  
Mt. Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:30am – 8:00pm

Contact:  
Director: Elaine Bryant, LMSW, CASAC  
Phone: 914-668-1450  
Fax: 914-668- 0409  
Email: [ebryant@riversidehealth.org](mailto:ebryant@riversidehealth.org)

Cost: Insurance and Sliding Fee Scale

The mission of our Smithers /St. John’ Riverside Hospital/Archway is to provide high quality chemical dependency treatment to the community. They offer a wide range of services such as Day Rehabilitation, Day and Evening Clinic and specialized Adolescent track with flexible hours. They also target areas such as criminal justice, dual–diagnosed, anger management, relapse prevention, parenting, smoking cessation and individual and family sessions as needed.

**STAR TRANSITIONAL SERVICES**

39 Westmoreland Avenue  
White Plains, NY 10606  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30pm – 4:00pm

Contact:  
Lisa Syron, Executive Director  
Carole Boccumini, Legal Director

Phone: 914-347-3313  
Fax: 914-347-6382  
Website: [www.studentadvocacy.net](http://www.studentadvocacy.net)

The advocacy provides legal and educational advice, helps with any kind of educational problems for children from pre-school through high school. When the help line services are not enough, we also provide representation for families to resolve educational problems, academic failure, disciplinary problems or special education problems. Most services are free, others are on a sliding scale.

Cost: Funded by VESID and OMRDD Grants. There may be fees for service options.

**STUDENT ADVOCACY, INC.**

3 West Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Elmsford, NY 10523  
Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 10:00am– 1:00pm

Cost: usually none

Contact:  
Lisa Syron, Executive Director  
Carole Boccumini, Legal Director

Phone: 914-347-3313  
Fax: 914-347-6382  
Website: [www.studentadvocacy.net](http://www.studentadvocacy.net)

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**STUDENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES**

660 White Plains Road  
 Tarrytown, NY 10591  
 Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9am -5pm

## Contact:

Ellen Morehouse, Executive Director  
 Judy Mezey, Program Director/ Contact person  
 Phone: 914- 332-1300  
 Fax: 914- 366-8826  
 Email: [sascorp@aol.com](mailto:sascorp@aol.com)

Cost: None

Substance abuse prevention services offered in the school and community.

**THE ARMORY**

144 North 5<sup>th</sup> avenue  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: Mon. – Fri 9am – 3pm  
 Phone: 914-665-2435  
 Fax:914-668-9515

## Contact:

Edith Charles, Recreation Assistant

The Armory sponsors various activities and serves meals to senior citizens on a daily bases. They offer arts & crafts, ceramics, quilting, computers classes and more. There are special events weekly trips to plays, museums, historical sites, overnight trips and special celebrations. Nutrition programs: Lunch served daily at 12:00pm (noon) every day of the year. Meals-on-wheels, Mon- Fri to the sick and shut-in. Westchester Residential Organization, help with housing for senior citizens. The Rose Simon Program is an after-school program for handicapped children, Mon-Fri. when school is in session and a six week Summer program.

**THE CENTER FOR PREVENTIVE PSYCHIATRY, INC.**

19 Greenridge Avenue  
 White Plains, NY 10605  
 Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 7:00pm

## Contact:

Rosetta M. Rhodes, CSW, Executive Director  
 Jonathan Zonhon, Clinic Director  
 Phone: 914-949-7680  
 Fax: 914-997-7942

Cost: Insurance accepted/sliding scale fee

A not-for-profit mental health agency promoting the mental health of children, families, and individuals through community based clinical and support services, community education, professional training, research & advocacy.

**THE FUTURE SOCIETY INC.**

P.O. Box 417  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10552

## Contact:

Larry Fair, Founder/ CEO  
 Phone: 914 539-2589  
 Website: [www.myspace.com/futuresocietyinc](http://www.myspace.com/futuresocietyinc)

The Future Society Inc. is a Non-Profit, 501(C) (3), Corporation established to provide mentoring activities for disadvantaged inner city youth and their parents. The programs offer participants an opportunity to engage in recreational activities that include life skill components.

**THE MAYORS MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

City Hall/ Planning Dept. –Roosevelt Square  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: Monday– Friday 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.

## Contact:

DaMia Harris, Executive Director  
 Elena Mclver, Office Assistant  
 Email: [emciver@cmvny.com](mailto:emciver@cmvny.com)  
 Phone: 914-665-2344  
 Cost: NONE

These awards are available to Mount Vernon residents who are full-time matriculating undergraduate students. There are income limits and grade point average requirements. Applicants can attend colleges, vocational and/or technical school of their choice.

**TODDLER'S PARK DAY CARE CENTER**

260 South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
 Hours: Mon. – Fri. 7:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.

## Contact:

Diane Whitehurst, Contact Person  
 Ellen Farrar, Executive Director  
 Michelle Holzman, Program Director  
 Phone: 914-699-5039  
 Fax: 914-699-5952

Cost: Sliding scale fee

Day Care services for children ages 2 years 9 months to 12. Breakfast and lunch are served to all children. After-school services available for children age 6 – 12.

### **TRINITY PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER**

335 South 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon.- Fri. 3:00pm– 6:00pm  
Sat. 9:00am – 2:00pm

**Contact:**

Reverend Joel E. Nafuma, Executive Director  
Lanise Amey Sylvester, Program Director  
Phone: 914-667-0100  
Email: [lameysylvester@yahoo.com](mailto:lameysylvester@yahoo.com)

Trinity Place Community Center provides educational social, recreational and cultural, programs for youth 6-19 years old. We also provide recreational, cultural, health & fitness, personal & professional development services for adults. In addition, food pantry and clothes closet are offer for families in need.

### **UJAMAA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

52 South 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Computer Classes: Tuesdays 4:30 pm -6:00 pm

**Contact:**

Enid Hay, Program Director  
Phone: 914-663-7458  
Fax: 914-664-2833  
E-Mail: [www.Gracebap.org](http://www.Gracebap.org)

The UCDC sponsored Freedom School initiative, done in conjunction with the Children's Defense Fund, is a free summer program that encourages literacy, cultural enrichment, conflict management, and leadership development in children grade K through 12. Throughout the school year, computer classes are also offered to teens after school.

### **URBAN LEAGUE OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY INC.**

10 Fiske Place, Suite 429  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00am– 5:00pm

**Contact:**

Ernest S. Prince, President  
Sorraya Samson, Vice President  
Phone: 914-667-1010  
Fax: 914-699-1011  
Website: [www.nul.org](http://www.nul.org)  
Email: [ulwesp@aol.com](mailto:ulwesp@aol.com)

#### **Programs Sponsored: Youth Care Services Program**

This program provides case management, counseling, advocacy, educational and recreational services for youth via PINS /Diversion, PINS and Mandated Preventive Services program. Services are provided for youth ages 10-16.

Sharon Thomas, Program Director

#### **Community Care Program**

The program provides preventive services to male/female youth ages 12-18, who are displaying acting out behavior at home, school, or in the community. To assist youth with proper decision making, positive goal setting, and to reduce the recidivism rate among those reentering into the community. Preventive services include: individual, group, and family counseling sessions.

Sharon Thomas, Program Director

#### **HIV/ AIDS**

Ryan Nathan, Director  
Jasmine Maldonado, Assistant Director  
The program provides training, counseling and community awareness.

#### **VERNON HEIGHTS DAY CARE CENTER**

258 South Columbus Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10553  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 7:30am – 5:30pm

**Contact:**

Mrs. Barbara A. Bracey, Executive Director  
Phone: 914-668-7988  
Fax: 914-668-1809  
Email: [Vern258@aol.com](mailto:Vern258@aol.com)

Cost: \$195.00 per week; Scholarships available

Day Care services, Pre-K Program and limited After-School program for children (2 years-9 months to 8 years). Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are provided. An enclosed private playground is on premises. This center is state licensed and a member of the Child Care Council of Westchester





## **VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SERVICES**

2 Roosevelt Square North  
Mount Vernon Police Department  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 5:00pm

Ann Ellsworth, Executive Director  
Yolanda Johnson, Site Director  
Phone: 914-665-2539  
Fax: 914-699-4179  
Email: [MTV@victimassist.org](mailto:MTV@victimassist.org)

Cost: All services are free.

Provides services for crime victims. Services include: counseling, advocacy, assistance with crime victims, board compensation, and criminal justice advocacy. Also provides specialized services for victims of domestic violence, homicide crisis outreach, rape crisis helpline - 24hrs, family violence intervention and prevention, elderly victim services, children safety project, court assistance, education and training.

## **WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, INC.**

2269 Saw Mill River Road Building #3  
Elmsford, NY 10523  
Hours: 9:00am – 5:00pm  
Other hours by appointment.

Contact:  
Winston A. Ross, ACSW, Executive Director  
Phone: 914-592-5600  
Fax: 914-592-0021  
Website: [www.westcop.org/](http://www.westcop.org/)

60 South 3rd Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Contact: Kiron Dawkins  
Phone: 914-664-8680  
Fax: 914-664-6943  
Email: [kdawkins@westcop.org](mailto:kdawkins@westcop.org)

A Not-for-Profit organization serving Westchester and Putnam. Services offered: early childhood development, employment and training, and victim assistance services.

## **WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, INC.**

### **Programs Sponsored:**

### **MOUNT VERNON C.A.G**

159 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30am – 3:30pm  
Cost: None

Contact Person  
Brenda Hendy, Program Director

Mrs. Clark, Grant, Bess, or Ms. James  
Phone: 914-664-8680  
Fax: 914-664-6943  
Email: [BHendt@westcop.org](mailto:BHendt@westcop.org)

Effectively helping the low income and at risk population of Mount Vernon, with food pantry services, clothing, advocacy, senior citizen outreach, senior housing applications, food stamp applications, Medicaid application. On site harm Reduction Case Worker and HIV counseling.

## **WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU**

112 East Post Road  
White Plains, NY 10601  
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00am – 5:00pm

Marlene Furtick, CSW, Executive Director  
Phone: 914-995 - 2745  
Fax: 914-995 – 3871  
Website: [www.westchestergov.com/youth](http://www.westchestergov.com/youth)

The Westchester Youth Bureau (WCYB) promotes positive youth development based upon the belief that families and extended families are fundamental sources of care, support and guidance for children and youth. Our schools and other community based services, both formal and informal, are appropriate and effective complements to this foundation. The Youth Bureau seeks to nurture and strengthen the capacity of these basic institutions to foster positive youth development for Westchester's young people. The Westchester County Youth Bureau provides funding through three sources: The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYSOCFS), Invest-In-Kids local tax levy and Community Optional Preventive Services (COPS), The New York States Office of Children and Family Services (NYSOCFS) designates the Westchester County Youth Bureau as its agent for distribution of four funding streams. Youth Development Delinquency Prevention Program Youth Services (YDPP-YS), Youth Initiatives Funding (YDPP-YI), Special Delinquency Prevention Program (SDPP), Runway and Homeless Youth Act Funding (RHYA).

The Westchester County Youth Bureau discharges its responsibilities for administering these four funding streams through annual application and contact processes with not-for-profit agencies. Funding parameters for the four funding streams are set by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Funding priorities are determined by the Westchester County Youth Bureau through Integrated Services Planning Processes. Through use of Request for Proposals, Westchester County seeks proposals from not-for – profit organizations that meet the requirement of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and Westchester County for distribution of funding.

**WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.**

6 Gramatan Avenue, Suite 401  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00am – 6:00pm  
Cost: Sliding scale

Contact:

Ann Brammer, CSW, Clinic Director / Contact Person  
Lisa Diego, Office Manager

Email: [Abrammer@wjcs.com](mailto:Abrammer@wjcs.com)

Website: [www.wjcs.com/](http://www.wjcs.com/)

Phone: 914-668-8938

Fax: 914-668-2545

An out patient, family mental health clinic which provides individual, family, and group therapy, psychological, psychiatric and psycho-educational evaluations and tutoring for children and adults. Consultation, special program services to high-risk populations.

**WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES-LINKAGES PROGRAM**

420 North Avenue, Second Floor  
New Rochelle, NY 10801

or

22-24 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave,

Mt. Vernon , NY 10550

Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 5:00pm

Contact:

Linda Breton, Supervisor

Suzanne Doll, CSW, Program Director/ Contact Person

E-mail: [Sdoll@wjcs](mailto:Sdoll@wjcs)

Phone: 914-813-5515

Fax: 914- 813-5575

Cost: None

A family court-based program for juvenile delinquents with the mission of reducing institutional placements. Services include: mental health and substance abuse assessments, counseling, job training, mentoring and more. All referrals must come through the New Rochelle Family Court/ Department of Probation.

**WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. HEADQUARTERS**

845 North Broadway Suite #2

White Plains, NY 10601

Phone: 914 761-0600

Fax: 914-761-5367

Email: [hdq@wjcs.com](mailto:hdq@wjcs.com)

Domestic Violence services. Family and children's services. Mental health counseling. Assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities or learning difficulties. Home health and geriatric services.

**WESTCHESTER MEDIATION CENTER OF CLUSTER**

105 Stevens Ave  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Contact:

Jenny Besch, Director

Phone: 914- 668-5885

Fax: 914- 668-5956

Provides an alternative to court action for resolving disputes between neighbors, landlords and tenants, consumers, merchants, etc. Trains students as mediators to help resolve disputes between students in the schools. Eviction Prevention Program works with landlords, tenants, and DSS to prevent tenants from becoming homeless.

**WESTCHESTER – PUTNAM COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (Four Rivers District)**

41 Saw Mill River Road

Hawthorne, NY 10532

Hour: Mon. – Fri. 9:00am – 5:00pm

Contact:

Mark Andreo, Executive Director

Roger A. Stewart, Senior District Director

Phone: 914-773-1135

Fax: 914-773-1411

Website: [www.WPCBSA.org](http://www.WPCBSA.org)

Cost: \$10.00 registration fee. \$.75 to \$1.00

**WESTCHESTER – PUTNAM COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (Four Rivers District)**

Scouting is a program of action based upon its basic purposes of character building, citizenship, training and physical fitness. Boys in the first grade start as Tiger Cubs, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grades are Cub Scouts with the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders called Webelos. From 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade their fun and adventure is enjoying being a Boy Scout. From fourteen years of age to twenty years of age both boys and girls can participate in Exploring or Venturing Scouting that will enable them to further broaden their horizons as scouts, and prepare them for their lives as full-fledged citizens.



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**WESTCHESTER/PUTNAM ONE STOP  
EMPLOYMENT CENTER**

120 Bloomingdale Road  
White Plains N,Y 10601  
Hours: M-F: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Contact:

Ali Tarchoun

Phone: 914-995-3910

Fax: 914-995-3958

Email: [att1@westchestergov.com](mailto:att1@westchestergov.com)

Website:

[www.westchestergov.com/onestopemploymentcenter/](http://www.westchestergov.com/onestopemploymentcenter/)

Provides high quality services to businesses and job seekers that will lead to the development of a first-rate workforce. We provide a wide range of services aimed at addressing the broadest needs of our customers.

**WESTCOP/CSI PROGRAM**

AB Davis School  
350 Gramatan Ave.  
Mt. Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 9:00 am – 6:00pm

Contact:

Henry Dawkins II, Director

Deputy Director: O'Dean Mangum

Coordinator: Marina Madina

Phone: 914-665-5138

Fax: 914-668-4664

Email: [HD3NS@aol.com](mailto:HD3NS@aol.com)

Youth development, addressing the needs of at risk youth ages 11 – 15

Cost: None

**WESTCOP/TODDLERS, Pre K Head Start**

260 South 4<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Mt. Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Mon. – Fri. 7:00am – 5:30pm

Contact Person: Diane Whitehurst

Director: Michele Holzman

Phone: 914-699-5039

Fax: 914-699-5952

Cost: Sliding fee Scale

A head start day care center with an after school program. They serve all families in Mt. Vernon. In the pre-school program they follow creative curriculum and prepare the children for kindergarten. Serving children ages 2.9 to 5 years old. The ALS program serves children ages k through 4<sup>th</sup> grade and helps children with homework. Students work on arts and crafts projects, visit nursing homes and go on educational trips in the summer.

**WESTHAB, INC.**

Vernon Plaza Family Center  
17 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Family Center - 24 hours/day

Contact:

Vaughn Glanton Employment Residence

Robert McConaghy, Service Coordinator

Phone: 914-664-7414 ext. 203

Fax: 914-664-0204

A transitional housing shelter for single, employable men in a community like setting which offers extensive programs. Our services aim to empower and enrich the lives of men and assist them in their assimilation for homelessness back to permanent housing. The program operates comprehensive services for the residents and has twenty-four hour security.

**WESTHAB EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

49 E. 3rd St.  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550  
Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Contact:

Joanne Dunn: Contact person

George Keels Service Coordinator

Phone: 914-667-0638

Fax: 914-667-3245

[George.Keels@Westhab.org](mailto:George.Keels@Westhab.org)

[Joanne.Dunn@Westhab.org](mailto:Joanne.Dunn@Westhab.org)

This program is available to the community at no charge and offers a myriad of pre-employment and employment services including job training, resume writing, and internet access.

Promoting Excellence and Achievement in Kids (PEAK) Center: The PEAK Center offers comprehensive year round services to young people. After school homework help and enrichment activities are available until 6pm, followed by activities specifically for teenagers and young adults from 6pm-10pm.

Programming for teenagers and young adults includes employment readiness, college preparation, academic assistance, leadership opportunities, recreation, cultural arts, and health. PEAK Center is part of the Mt. Vernon STRONG collaborative with the City of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau and Mount Vernon High School and offers additional learning opportunities in conjunction with this program. Community Resource Center (CRC): The CRC provides employment counseling, work readiness, and job development services to all City residents. We host frequent job fairs and conduct extensive outreach to the business community.

**YOUTH SHELTER PROGRAM OF WESTCHESTER,  
INC.**

220 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street

Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Contact:

Christian M. Philemaon, Executive Director

Tiffany Santana, Contact Person

Phone: 914-668-4702

Fax: 914-668-4994

Cost: None

The Youth Shelter Program is a unique organization that provides an alternative to prison for male youths, ages 16-21. This program provides a positive environment of discipline, structured responsibility and individual attention along with education and job readiness skills training.

## **GED PROGRAMS (GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA)**

**College Careers, Inc.**  
190 East Post Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
White Plains, New York 10602  
Phone: 914- 428-3435  
Blanche Walker, Executive Director  
Stanley Ferrell, Program Coordinator

**College Careers, Inc. - Mailing Address**  
P.O. Box 1530  
White Plains, New York, 10602

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**We, the People of New York State Believe In  
The Right of Every Child To:**

1. Affection, love, guidance and understanding from parents and teachers.
2. Adequate nutrition and medical care to aid mental, physical and social growth.
3. Free education to develop individual abilities and to become a useful member of society.
4. Special care, if handicapped.
5. Opportunity for recreation in a wholesome, well-rounded environment.
6. An environment that reflects peace and mutual concern.
7. The opportunity for sound, moral development.
8. Constructive discipline to help develop responsibility.
9. Good adult examples to follow.
10. A future commensurate with abilities and aspirations.
11. Enjoyment of all these rights, regardless of race, color, sex, creed, religion, sexual orientation, and national origin.

