

# The New Milford Youth Agency

The New Milford Youth Agency is a municipal Youth Service Bureau that has been serving the Town of New Milford for over 40 years.

The Youth Agency's mission is to provide a safe, positive environment for youth in and around our town, providing opportunities for local families and youth to create a supportive, caring, and involving community.

[www.youthagency.org](http://www.youthagency.org)

860-210-2030

Located at:

JPCC

2 Pickett District Rd., NM

## New Milford Youth Agency Juvenile Review Board: A Court Diversion Program

- Offers a free, voluntary alternative to the juvenile justice system for first time youth offenders
- Made up of local, professional stakeholders who are bound by confidentiality
- Holds youth accountable
- Helps repair harm
- Promotes responsible behavior
- Connects youth to positive alternatives
- Reduces costs to the community
- Addresses emotional, physical and educational concerns that are barriers to the youth's success

**COURT DIVERSION:** The Juvenile Review Board is a meaningful alternative that will DIVERT youth first time youth offenders from the Connecticut Juvenile Justice System. The JRB does not determine guilt or innocence.

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## Juvenile Review Board

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Offering Local Youth  
A Second Chance



## What does **A Youth's Contract** Look Like?

The JRB takes into consideration input from the family, youth, school report and police report to develop a meaningful contract that addresses underlying causes of the negative behavior.

Contract recommendations can consist of a combination of the following:

- Substance Abuse assessments/evaluations
- Individual/Group and/or Family counseling
- Positive youth development activities
- Appropriate and meaningful community service opportunities
- Mentoring
- Behavioral Health assessments/evaluations
- Mediation
- Educational support
- Employment assistance
- Restitution
- Letter of Apology to victim(s) or larger community harmed
- Case Management and Follow up

OFFERED THROUGH  
COLLABORATION WITH THE  
NEW MILFORD POLICE DEPT  
FOR OVER 25 YEARS

## Who is Eligible?

- New Milford Youth under the age of 18
- First time youth offenders willing to take responsibility for their actions
- Other requirements and restrictions apply

*Second Chances are not  
Given to make things right,  
But are given to prove that  
We could be better,  
Even after we fall*

Your Case Manager will assist you through this process:

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New Milford Youth Agency  
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## How does the JRB Process Work?

- **Referral** - Referrals may come through schools, police or parents. Parents and schools may call or email the JRB Case Manager directly. Police referrals are usually handled through a summons to the police department to determine eligibility
- **Intake** – If all parties agree that the JRB is the right course of action, the family and youth meets at John Pettibone Community Center, Youth Agency office with Case Manager to gather information
- **Review Board**- The JRB meets to review the youth's case and develops a contract based on school, family and police information
- **Contract** – the youth agrees to contract and deadline
- **Successful Completion** – Case closed, no juvenile record exists
- **Unsuccessful Completion** – On the rare occasion a youth fails to follow through on the contract, is uncooperative, or commits a second offense, the case is turned back to the New Milford Police Department for referral to Juvenile

All proceedings and activities of the JRB are bound by confidentiality.