

About The New Milford Youth Agency

Our Mission:

The New Milford Youth Agency creates, coordinates and fosters programs that promote protection, welfare, and well-being of the youth of the town of New Milford, consistent with the needs of local youth and families and the Charter of the Town of New Milford.

Our Services:

Through prevention, intervention and advocacy, the New Milford Youth Agency fosters positive development and provides opportunities for youth to become responsible members of the community.

Our Website:

www.youthagency.org

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

- Offers a free, voluntary alternative to the juvenile justice system
- 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 from the Connecticut Juvenile Justice System. The JRB does not determine guilt or innocence.

New Milford Youth Agency

Juvenile Review Board

Offering Local Youth an Alternative to
the Juvenile Justice System



What does **A Youth's Agreement** Look Like?

The JRB meets with the family and youth to determine an agreement to help the youth restore harm and move forward.

Agreement 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 DEPARTMENT
FOR OVER 30 YEARS

Who is Eligible?

- New Milford youth under the age of 18 who commit a delinquent offense
- Youth 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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How does the JRB Process Work?

- **Referral** - Referrals may come through courts, police, schools or parents.
- **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 plan for review.
- **Review Board**- The JRB meets with the youth and family to develop an “agreement” to help repair harm and support the youth’s goals.
- **Agreement** – the youth is responsible for the Agreement, with the help of the Case Manager and family.
- **Successful Completion** – Case closed, no juvenile record exists.
- **Unsuccessful Completion** – On the rare occasion a youth fails to take responsibility for the Agreement, the case is turned back to the referral source for further action.

Your Next Step: