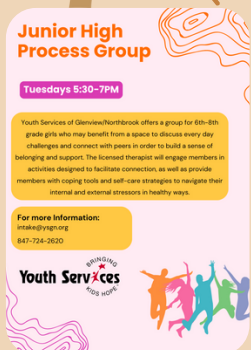


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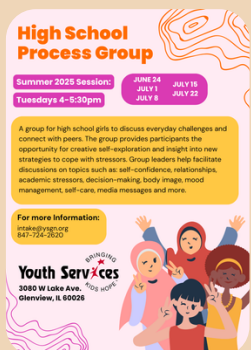
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## Upcoming Groups



### Junior High Process Group

This group is for incoming 6th-8th grade girls who may benefit from a space to discuss every day challenges and connect with peers in order to build a sense of belonging and support. The licensed therapist will engage members in activities designed to facilitate connection, as well as provide members with coping tools and self-care strategies to navigate their internal and external stressors in healthy ways. Summer 2025 session will take place on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00PM.



### High School Process Group

This group is offered to high school girls who are looking for a safe and supportive space to navigate the everyday challenges and connect with peers. The group provides the participants the opportunity for creative self-exploration and insight into new strategies to cope with stressors. The Winter 2025 session will begin on Tuesday, January 28th from 4:00-5:30PM.



### Pride Groups Summer Session

Spend your summer with Pride! We will be offering a variety of groups and activities for LGBTQ+ youth and their families during June and July. Families are invited to march in the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade with us on 6/1 and join us at the Northbrook Library on 6/21 for an LGBTea Party. Middle and high school youth can join us for our weekly Dungeons and Dragons campaign, or come along for one of our Chicago field trips to Andersonville or North Halsted. Finally, high school youth can join us every Monday for community and sharing at our summer session of Rainbow Connection, our prideSUPPORT group. [Learn more and RSVP here.](#)

**For more information about the above groups or programs, or to schedule an intake, please email [intake@ysgn.org](mailto:intake@ysgn.org) or call 847-724-2620.**

## Introducing Caring Connections!

### Play - Learn - Connect



Youth Services is excited to launch Caring Connections, a new 6-week program designed for parents and children ages 3–5 years. This program features three key components: a parent group focused on child development and peer support, a child group that promotes socialization and early learning, and a joint parent-child playtime with guided activities to strengthen bonds.

Caring Connections will begin June 18<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you are interested in enrolling or learning more, please contact us at 847-724-2620 (ext. 142) or email at [intake@ysgn.org](mailto:intake@ysgn.org). Multiple payment options are available, including our generous sliding scale to ensure all families can participate. We invite you to join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn, grow, and connect!

## Upcoming Events

**Support our work! Youth Services is a non-profit organization and relies on donors and community support. Consider supporting us by attending these great fundraising events.**



### FoYS Fashion Show

FoYS Fashion Show, Thursday, June 12th at 6:30pm at Loyola Academy McGrath Family Performing Arts Center. Join us for our 3rd Annual Friends of Youth Services Fashion Show. It is sure to be another incredible night full of fun, fashion, friendship, and community support. From the amazing designs of talented local school-aged fashion students to the trendy and stylish pieces from Margo Boutique, everyone is sure to find some inspiration to update their wardrobes!



### Save the Date for the Annual FoYS Girlfriends Boutique

Mark your calendars for the Girlfriends Boutique, taking place on October 23rd from 4 PM to 8 PM at the Renaissance Chicago Glenview Suites Hotel. Stay tuned for more details!

In the meantime, we are seeking new and unique vendors to join us for this exciting shopping event. If you're interested, please contact Michelle Brody at [mailto:michelle.brody@ysgn.org](mailto:mailto:michelle.brody@ysgn.org).

