

hopeful happenings

DECEMBER 2025: WINTER EDITION

Upcoming Groups

Caring Connections

This group is an 8-week program for parents and children ages 2.5-5 that helps families build strong foundations for growth, learning, and connection. Each week includes a group parent discussion, a children's play-based learning group, and joint parent-child activities designed to strengthen bonds through shared play. Stay tuned for upcoming group information for the session beginning on January 29th!

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 group meets on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:30PM.

Jr. High Process Group

This group is offered to middle 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 group meets on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00PM.

High School Social Skills

This group is an opportunity for high school students to socialize and process in a safe space and develop strong interpersonal skills and build strong peer relationships. This group will focus on self-confidence, nonverbal communication, relationships, and interpersonal communication. This group meets on Thursdays at 6:30-8:00PM.

Pride Programs Are Open—Help Us Spread the Word!

We have space in all Pride groups this winter (K-5, 6-8, 9-12), plus upcoming drop-in events. Group highlights include Fruit Loops for 6th-8th graders, Trans Talk for trans and gender-expansive high school youth, and a recreational Dungeons & Dragons campaign for 8th-12th graders. We're also welcoming new prideLEAD applicants, and (save the date!) Action Camp applications open in April! Please share with youth, families, and partners who may be looking for connection, support, or community. intake@ysgn.org | ysgn.org/pride

For more information about the above groups or programs, or to schedule an intake, please email intake@ysgn.org or call 847-724-2620.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE:

Youth Services will be closed
December 22 - January 4. Happy
Holidays! We look forward to seeing
you in the new year!

CLOSED

In the Spotlight

Caring Connections is hosting a Winter Fun Hour!!

Join us on December 11 from 10:00-11:00 AM for a playful Winter Fun Hour designed for caregivers and kids ages 2-5! Families are invited to enjoy a cozy morning of singing, playtime, snacks, and winter-themed activities at Youth Services (3080 W. Lake Ave, Glenview). It's a wonderful way to connect, explore, and celebrate the season together. To learn more or RSVP, contact us at 847-724-2620 or intake@ysgn.org. Bundle up and come play!

Come HANG with us!!

We are excited to introduce PrideHANG, a series of themed social drop-in groups for LGBTQIA+ high schoolers and allies. Come hang with us, meet new people, and have fun! This group will meet mainly on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 5:00-7:00PM. For LGBTQIA+ youth and allies grades 9-12.

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.

Youth Services Concert

Get ready for an unforgettable night with 7th Heaven! Learn more about our family-friendly Concert on Friday, January 30, 2026 - an evening of great music, community, and impact. Your support helps ensure every child who turns to Youth Services can grow up happy, healthy, and hopeful.

Save the Date!

Join us on Thursday, February 12th at Alma Padel in Glenview for our first-ever Padel for a Purpose fundraiser hosted by Friends of Youth Services- a fun, fast-paced night on the court supporting youth mental health. Whether you're a seasoned player, padel-curious, or just love giving back, we'd love to have you there. Stay tuned for details and registration!

