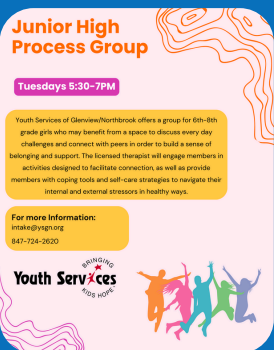


# hopeful happenings

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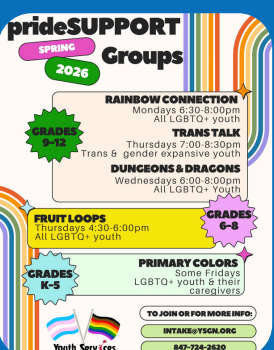
## happy new year

### Upcoming Groups



#### 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 starting on January 27.



#### PrideSUPPORT Groups

Weekly support groups for LGBTQ+ youth offer opportunities for participants to build community, discuss challenges, and feel supported by others. Facilitated by program staff, these groups include a check-in, fun activities designed to help foster relationships, and time to share challenges and receive support. To join, participants complete an intake membership meeting with a staff member, becoming a member of our Pride Community. 📧 [intake@ysgn.org](mailto:intake@ysgn.org) | [ysgn.org/pride](http://ysgn.org/pride)



#### PrideLEAD

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. 📧 Apply today!



#### LGBTQ+ Dungeons & Dragons

Working together to solve a murder mystery story, we will process real life relationships & aspects of identity. New and experienced players grades 9-12 welcome! Email [intake@ysgn.org](mailto:intake@ysgn.org) for more info and to join. This group meets on Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00PM.

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.

### In the Spotlight



#### 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.

### 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.



#### 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: Friends of Youth Service Inaugural March

##### Madness Fundraiser

Get ready to cheer, compete, and support youth mental health! Join us this March for our first-ever March Madness Bracket Challenge hosted by Friends of Youth Services. It's competition for a cause — and every bracket helps change lives. Stay tuned for more details.



#### Youth Services Spring Gala

Mark your calendars for the Youth Services Spring Gala on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling! As our largest annual fundraiser, the Gala brings together friends and supporters for an unforgettable evening of giving and stories that highlight Youth Services' impact. The critical dollars raised allow us to provide social-emotional programming, crisis intervention, therapy sponsorship, and other life-changing services to children and families across our community. We hope to see you there as we continue our mission to ensure every child can grow up happy, healthy, and hopeful.



#### Save the Date: Friends of Youth Services Fashion Show

The FoYS Fashion Show returns for its 4th year on Thursday, June 18th at 6:30 PM at the Loyola Academy McGrath Family Performing Arts Center. Get ready for a fabulous night filled with fun, fashion, and community spirit. Featuring incredible designs from local student designers alongside stylish pieces from Margo Boutique, you'll leave inspired—and ready to refresh your wardrobe!

