

Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau

Brookhaven Youth Agencies

Boys and Girls Club of Bellport
286-9090

Colonial Youth & Family Services
281-4461

Family Service League
874-1359

Lifeline Mediation Center
205-5054

Moriches Community Center, Inc.
400-9525

North Shore Youth Council
744-0207

Patchogue-Medford Youth & Community
Services
758-4100

RESPONSE of Suffolk County
Hotline # 751-7500

Sachem Community & Youth Services
585-1811

Sunshine Prevention Center
476-3099



For Referrals Contact
Psychiatric Social Workers:

Lizabeth Derkevics, LCSW-R
Amy Gironda, LCSW-R



Daniel J. Panico, Supervisor

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Jane Bonner, District 2 Neil Foley, District 5
Neil Manzella, District 3 Karen Dunne Kesnig, District 6
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Daniel Losquadro, Superintendent of Highways

Town of Brookhaven Department of
General Services

Sanctuary Program

Counseling Services for
Those At Risk...



Monday through Friday,
9:00am to 4:30pm

(631) 451-8011
For emergencies at all other
times, call RESPONSE 24-Hour
Crisis Hotline: (631) 751-7500

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ABOUT BROOKHAVEN SANCTUARY

The Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau has many youth services free to all residents in the township. The Sanctuary Program provides counseling to those youth 12-24 and their families who have issues with either family, school or peers and are at risk of running away or becoming homeless. For those who are out of the home already, our staff helps to explore alternative housing options and advocate with educational, health, legal and other various community agencies. The Sanctuary Program is staffed by New York State Licensed Clinical Social Workers and has been helping the youth of Brookhaven since its inception in 1977.

RUNAWAY SERVICES

Our runaway services offer help to teens who have left home or who might be thinking about it. It is specifically targeted at youth, ages 12-24, who feel as if their family might not understand them and who wish things were different at home. Clients and families can meet with a Social Worker to help work through their feelings and set up a plan of action that can include individual and/or family counseling, residential placement, or advocacy.

PLEASE NOTE: SANCTUARY DOES NOT PROVIDE ON-SITE HOUSING.

INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS

Services are provided to youth between the ages of 16 and 24. Decisions about life changes are made with the help of a Social Worker. Some of these decisions may include where to live, how to earn and budget money, how to see a doctor if needed, and what to do about going to school or learning employment skills.

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY COUNSELING

Short-term counseling (three to six months) to help all family members learn to communicate more effectively and problem solve with one another. In addition, counseling can help family members to identify strengths, resolve conflicts, and create a positive environment.

HOMELESS SERVICES

Crisis intervention and case management services are available to those who are homeless or at risk of losing their home. This could be due to death of a parent, being kicked out of the house, or many other reasons. Social work staff can provide immediate assistance with locating safe housing and follow-up services.

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Crisis Intervention: Short-term counseling.

Advocacy: Youth and/or their families are offered assistance in obtaining health, education and legal services.

Counseling: Short-term counseling (three to six months) for youth in conflict or crisis with their family, school or peers.

Short-term Emergency Housing: To establish a safer environment than living on the streets. Youth are referred to non-profit and county residential facilities.

Homeless Project: For youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Counseling, independent living skills, training and advocacy for education, employment and basic needs are available.

Family Mediation: Counseling services are provided to adolescents and their families to assist in resolving conflicts that may interfere with youth staying in their homes.

Information and Referral: Adolescents and their families are often unaware of available services and programs in the community. Information and referrals are offered.

Education: Sanctuary Staff is available to provide educational seminars on youth related topics as well as an overview of our program.

Groups: Supportive, educational, and therapeutic groups are offered to parents and adolescents.