# DECEMBER 2024: Winter Edition

## **Upcoming Groups**

# Augmont Highpool



#### Junior High Process Group This group is for 6th-8th grade girls who may benefit from a space to discuss every day challenges and connect with peers in order to build

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#### <u>High School Process Group</u>

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 selfexploration and insight into new strategies to cope with stressors. The Winter 2025 session will begin on Tuesday, January 28th from 4:00-5:30PM.

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#### <u>High School Social Skills</u>

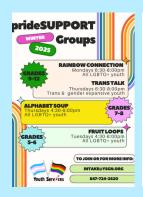
This group provides high school students who are working on improving their social skills the ability to engage positively in social settings. Our activity-based approach allows our clients to practice skills such as social problem-solving and communication skills in "real-life" scenarios. The social skills groups focus on age appropriate activities to increase the clients' ability to deal flexibly with compromise and change as well as make and retain friendships. The Winter 2025 will begin on Thursday, January 30th.

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#### <u>DBT Skills Group</u>

This group is for 13-18 year old teens who struggle with relationships and mood regulation. Group topics include mindfulness, distress tolerance, and emotion management. Winter 2025 session will meet in person on Mondays from 5:30PM to 7:30PM.



#### <u> Pride Groups Winter Session</u>

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.

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

### In the Spotlight



One of our staff therapists Jess Levine, LCSW, joined Kathryn Ciesla (Northbrook Village president) and Scott Meek (principal of Northbrook Jr. High) at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Northbrook on November 17th on a panel on the state of youth mental health. You can find <u>a recording of the service and panel here</u>. The panel discussion begins around minute 10 and goes until about minute 48.

### **Upcoming Events**



#### <u> Pride Holiday Party</u>

#### Thursday, December 12th 5:30-7:30pm I All ages & families

Join us for our annual Pride Youth Program Holi-gay Party! All Pride participants (current, former, and alum) are invited to join us for a night of festivity and fun, along with parents & family members of current Pride participants! We'll have holiday treats, activities, games, and most importantly, time to catch up and wish each other well! <u>RSVP here!</u>

## 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**

SAVE THE DATE for a fun night of singing and dancing with one of Chicago's most popular rock bands, 7th Heaven, all while supporting a great cause! The funds raised through our Concert event make an incredible difference in the lives of children and youth who turn to Youth Services for support. To learn more, and purchase your tickets, please visit www.ysgn.org/concert. Interested in joining our Concert Committee, please contact Erin Miller at erin.miller@ysgn.org.



#### Annual Spring Gala

The Spring Gala is coming on Friday, April 4, 2025 and we are ready for another incredible night with fabulous silent and live auctions, entertainment, and a night with friends to support and reflect on the critical role Youth Services plays for families in our community! You will not want to miss this special evening! <u>Get your tickets today</u> – and spread the word! Interested in joining our Concert Committee, please contact Erin Miller at erin.miller@ysgn.org.

