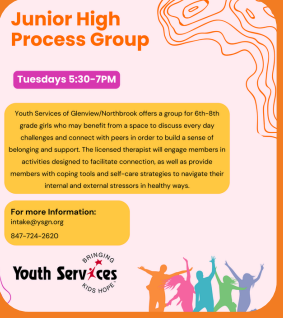


hopeful happenings

JUNE 2026: SUMMER EDITION

Upcoming Groups



Jr. High 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 5:00 - 6:30PM.



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.



Pride Groups Summer Session

Our weekly prideSUPPORT groups for all ages are open for new members! Rainbow Connection for grades 9-12 and Fruit Loops for grades 6-8 offer supportive spaces for LGBTQ+ youth to come together, do fun activities, and share what's going on in their lives. LGBTQ+ Dungeons & Dragons group will work together through gaming to identity and reach their goals. New and experienced players grades 8-12 welcome!



PrideCONNECT: Summer Events!

Focused on connecting youth and families through community and supportive relationships, prideCONNECT offers fun opportunities to build friendships and celebrate Pride together. This summer, join us for the Buffalo Grove Pride Parade, LGBT Tea Party at the Northbrook Public Library, Gayborhood field trips to Andersonville and North Halsted, and our all-ages Pride-Palooza Party!



Caring Connections

Caring Connections is a program for parents and children ages 2-5 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. Running from June 10-July 22, this group will meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 12:00PM.

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

In the Spotlight



NEW Find Your PLACE

This process group is offered to emerging adults (18-24-year-olds) and focuses on personal growth, life transitions, authentic relationships, confidence, and emotional expression. Group participants can connect with others facing similar challenges, while gaining encouragement, perspective, and thoughtful feedback. Now accepting referrals for our pilot group!



Apply to be a Pride Youth Leader!

Now recruiting rising 9th-12th grade LGBTQ+ youth who are:

- Passionate about LGBTQ+ community
- Interested in learning more about LGBTQ+ identities & social justice
- Ready to build leadership skills
- Excited to connect with a group of other amazing youth

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.



Friends of Youth Services Fashion

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!



HamBINGO Mary's Benefiting Youth Services Pride Youth Program

Join us for a fabulous night of fun, laughter, and community at HamBINGO Mary's Drag Queen Bingo on Wednesday, July 8th at 7:00 PM at Hamburger Mary's Chicago! Whether you're a bingo pro or just coming for the entertainment, this unforgettable evening supports Youth Services and our Pride Youth Program. A suggested \$20 donation gets you your bingo sheets for all games played throughout the night, with proceeds collected directly by Youth Services. Stay tuned for additional details and get ready for a night full of drag, bingo, and Pride celebration!



Save the Date: 2026 Golf Outing!

Join us for the 10th Annual Youth Services Golf Outing on Monday, September 14th at beautiful Sunset Ridge Country Club for a memorable day of golf, networking, and community — all while helping provide life-changing mental health services for local children.

