

COMMUNITY CONNECTION WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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Introduction

Community connection is all about being involved in your local area. Being involved in your community allows you to learn local needs and build relationships with others who also care, including influential decision makers. Not to mention it is a great way to gain exposure, have fun, and learn from those around you.

Opportunities to Connect with Community

There are many ways to get involved, both at the Westchester County level and at the local community level. Key places where you can find local groups and events include local libraries, school administration offices, local recreation/community centers, churches and other houses of worship, and municipal buildings.

Below are a few examples of opportunities and organizations for you to get involved in:

Westchester County Level

- Westchester Children's Association
 wca4kids.org/subscribe
- Westchester Youth Advisory Board
 https://youth.westchestergov.com/youth-bureau/youth-advisory-board
- Westchester Youth Councils
 https://www.fsw.org/our-programs/youth-programs/youth-councils
- Westchester County Youth Bureau
 <u>https://youth.westchestergov.com/</u>

Local Community Level

- Local Youth Bureaus
- Local Boys and Girls Clubs
- Local YWCAs/YMCAs
- Local Youth Clubs or Organizations
- Issue-specific groups

- School Clubs and Sports
- Teen Centers
- Community Service Opportunities or Organizations
- Local Youth Boards (or as a Youth Member of a community Board or Council)
- Faith-based organizations



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