

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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GARDEN OF PRAYER YOUTH CENTER

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Program Updates

Garden of Prayer Youth Center is a faith-based, nonprofit organization that was incorporated in March of 1995. We are a CARF accredited child welfare agency licensed by the Department of Children and Family Services. The mission of Garden of Prayer Youth Center is to improve the well-being of at-risk children, adults, and families by providing educational and mental health services that places them on a pathway towards success. It is our vision to become the leading child welfare agency that provides underprivileged youth and families with opportunities to succeed. We want to be the "Walmart of human services".

Clinical Services

Juvenile Upward Mobility Program

The purpose of this program is to provide a safe, 24-hour supervised housing for delinquent and at-risk youth ages 15-18. We provide them with access to education and other ancillary services to reduce the participants frequency of interfacing with the law, improve behavior, and improve relationships with parents or guardians.

My Second Home Foster Care

Currently, Garden of Prayer Youth Center, Inc. is looking for individuals or families that are interested in opening their home to foster children. Loving parents would need to be interested in Emergency or Specialized Foster Care. We are actively recruiting loving homes. If you are aware of potential foster parents, please have them contact us at 815-933-2493 ext. 103.



Hope Outpatient Behavioral Health

HOPE Behavioral Health Services is a community based behavioral health program. We strive to improve the overall mental and emotional well-being of individuals and families. We currently accept Medicaid, Blue Cross Blue Shield, IlliniCare, and Cigna Insurances. We are a proud partner of Choices Coordinated Care. If you or someone you know are in need of support, please contact GOPYC today!

Educational Services

Early Education

Our goal is to provide children with educational and developmental support that lay a foundation for life-long learning. We provide safe and developmentally enriched caregiving and education that promotes the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and prepares them for future growth and development.



Our Kankakee location is at capacity, however a waiting list is available! Our Aroma Park location is currently enrolling! Ages 6 weeks-5 years are welcome!

Out of School Program

Garden of Prayer Youth Center's S.A.F.E. Summer Camp is set to start on Monday, June 11!

The program will operate Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Campers will be provided with educational, spiritual, and recreational enrichment. Also, participants will be rewarded with two field trips per week. As always, we provide two meals, and one snack a day!

Mark your calendars now! Camper Choice Awards will conclude our fun-filled Summer on Friday, August 10th.

Enrollment started on April 2nd! Information for enrollment will be emailed, posted on our website, and on the GOPYC Facebook page!



LOCATIONS

Administrative Office
657 E. Court St. Suite 200
Kankakee, IL 60901
815.933.2493

Jordan Community Center
1432 S. Fourth Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901
815.933.2446

Residential Services
16424 E. State Route 114
Momence, IL 60954
815.472.2490

Early Education Center Site 1
381 S. Fourth Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901
815.401.5671

The Safe Haven
101 S. Division St.
Aroma Park, IL 60910

SAFE HAVEN WISH LIST

New Computers

Gym Equipment (weights)

Computer Desks/Tables

Gym Mats

Cooking Utensils (Pots, Pans, Bowls, etc.)

Music Studio/Sound Equipment

Video & Photography Cameras

Garden of Prayer Youth Center would like to thank our partners and supporters for a successful 2016 year! We are excited about what 2017 will bring!

Our next Annual Fundraiser will be held on October 28, 2017. We will be "Celebrating the Arts: Kankakee".

More details to follow!



April 14, 2018-

Agency Yard Sale

Come and support GOPYC while we host our 1st Annual Yard Sale at the Safe Haven from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

May 5, 2018-

GEMS Fashion Show

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- Contact Vurnice Maloney

Join GOPYC as we host our annual GEMS Fashion Show at the Safe Haven. This fun-filled event will begin at 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be available starting in April through our Administrative Office.

June 8, 2018-

Safe Summer Founders Day Festival & SWaG

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- Contact Kristi McBride

GOPYC will be once again be honoring our Founders through an exciting and fun day filled with activities that is FREE for our community. Activities will include inflatables, music, and a game truck. We will also provide lunch! Later in the evening, we will host our SWaG concert!



June 11, 2018-

Safe Summer Camp Begins

Our Educational Services Division will gear up for eight (8) full weeks of educational, recreational and spiritual enrichment. Summer Camp will occur Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. We will provide daily meals, and two field trips per week.

August 10, 2018-

Camper Choice Awards

Safe Summer Camp will host the Camper Choice Awards. Campers will provide a glimpse of their days at camp while Mr. & Miss Safe Summer Camp is crowned.