

What does "PINS" mean?

A child under the age of 18 who does not attend school, behaves in a way that is dangerous or out of control, and/or often disobeys his or her parents, guardians or other authorities, may be found to be a Person In Need of Supervision or "PINS".

When community-based services and support have been exhausted and behaviors continue to escalate, a PINS petition may be filed in Family Court. A PINS petition is filed as an action of last resort, when all voluntary efforts have failed and/or the safety of child or others is in question. Once a petition is filed in court, involvement is no longer voluntary - all decisions are then made by Family Court.

The Greene County Youth Bureau Supportive Youth and Family Pre-Prevention program is the first step in mentoring youth who are at risk of a PINS petition.

What is the Youth Bureau Supportive Youth and Family Pre-Prevention Program?

The primary objective of the Youth Bureau Pre-Prevention Supportive Youth Program is a voluntary point of entry program to support services for youth and their families when incorrigible behaviors and/or school avoidance/truancy may lead to further involvement in Family Court, Juvenile Justice System, or Probation. The Youth Bureau Pre-Prevention Supportive Youth Program is designed to support and mentor youth and their families in the county.

Eligibility

- Youth must be ages 12-18
- Youth must reside in Greene County
- Youth must not already be on Probation, have a history of PINS, or have previous unsuccessful history in the Youth Bureau Supportive Pre-Prevention (former Pre-PINS) program
- Youth and family have no current open case with Greene County Department of Social Services (Preventative, CPS, IAPP or other caseworker services)

Greene County
Department
of Human Services

Youth and Family Supportive Pre-Prevention Program



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Youth Bureau
Department of
Human Services**

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The Youth and Family Supportive Pre-Prevention Program provides:

- Advocacy in the school and community
- Employment support
- Family Support
- Connection to recreational and pro-social activities
- Referral facilitations offered to youth and families including but not limited to:

Greene County Mental Health

Greene County Children's SPOA

Twin County Recovery Services

Common Ground Mediation

Greene County Dept. of Social
Services Preventative and Pins
Diversion Program

Greene County Probation Pins
Program

Community Action

Summer Youth Employment
Program

To Make a Referral

Services are initiated by a referral from Parents/Guardians, School Districts or Law Enforcement..

Referral forms can be obtained through Greene County Department of Human Services/ Youth Bureau Office @ 411 Main Street Catskill, or through our website at:

www.greengovernment.com/departments/human-services-greene-gov/youth

Once a referral is accepted, a Youth Bureau staff member will schedule a meeting with the parent and/or guardian, youth and referral source. Youth Bureau staff will work with the parties involved to assess the situation, provide support and make referrals to partner agencies as warranted.

Roles and Responsibilities

Parents/Guardians are part of the effort to identify their child's needs. Parents and/or Guardians are expected to work with the Youth Bureau staff and their child to secure the necessary preventative services and behavioral changes needed for a successful outcome.

The Youth and Family Supportive Pre-Prevention Program does NOT provide:

- Behavioral Health Treatment
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Transportation
- Crisis Intervention
- Crisis Management