

School Based Youth Services Program



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What is the Teen Center?

The School Based Youth Services Program Teen Center at PCTI is a safe, fun place for students to do their homework, access resources, participate in educational workshops and recreational activities, and socialize with their peers. We strive to help students succeed in high school and beyond and develop an emotionally and physically healthy lifestyle.

How did we get a Teen Center at PCTI?

Passaic County Technical Institute has partnered with the New Jersey Community Development Corporation in Paterson to create this program, which is funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. The program began in 1987, and there are now more than 80 of them in high schools and middle schools throughout New Jersey. The Teen Center at PCTI opened its doors in September of 2005.

What kinds of services does the Teen Center provide?

The Teen Center offers a wide range of activities and resources to assist students and their families. Here are just a few of the **FREE** services offered by the Teen Center:

- Learning Support Services
- Health and Wellness Education
- Employment Services
- Mental Health Counseling
- Recreational Activities
- After-School Opportunities

Who works at the Teen Center?

The Teen Center is always supervised by adult staff members. We have four full-time staff: Program Director, Mental Health Clinician, Youth Development Specialist, and Employment Specialist. In addition, we collaborate with various community organizations to bring in guest presenters on a regular basis.

Where is the Teen Center, and when can students go there?

We are located behind the F-wing Media Center in Trailers #1 & 4. We are open every day from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, including summer and holiday breaks. Students can access services throughout the school day and come in after school for programs and recreational activities.

How can a student utilize the services in the Teen Center?

For a student to take part in our program, a parent or guardian must sign the consent form found on the back of this informational sheet. Students who are 16 or older may sign for themselves, although parental consent is preferred. The consent form is good for all four years. Participation in all our services is **confidential**, voluntary, and **completely free**.

Can I speak to one of the staff members? Can I come by and visit?

Yes and yes! Please feel free to call us at 973-389-2029 or email us at pctiteencenter@njcdc.org between 8:30 AM – 5PM if you have any questions or would like more information about our program. Stop in to visit us anytime!



At the SBYSP Teen Center at PCTI, the health and safety of our participants remains a top priority. As we navigate the current pandemic, we are dedicated to continuing our standards of individual services and group programming in the areas of:

- Positive Youth Development
- Preventive Health education
- Stress management
- Drug and Alcohol Prevention
- College and Career Readiness
- Reproductive Health education
- And so much more!

In addition to in-person programming, we have adapted to virtual learning and have made ourselves available to students in the following ways:

- Individual mental health counseling in-person, by phone or Zoom
- Employment services in-person, by phone or Zoom
- In-person after school programming (limited capacity of students due to social distancing)
- Sharing presentations and additional resources in our Teen Center Google Classroom
- Hosting Zoom sessions during workshop presentations
- Providing referrals/ linkages to community-based services and programs

When students are participating in-person, they will be screened according to CDC and DOH recommendations, will remain 6ft apart from staff and other students while participating, and will be required to wear a mask and sanitize their hands upon entering our space.

We realize that the school year is quite different than usual, but we look forward to continuing to welcome students back to our space in a safe and responsible manner. Please reach out to us should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

SBYSP Teen Center Staff

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Parent/Guardian Consent Form

Name of Student: _____ School ID #: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Grade: _____ PCTI or STEM: _____

Ethnicity: (optional) White/Non-Hispanic Hispanic/Latino Black Asian American multiracial other: _____

Home Address: _____ City/Town: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Is the student eligible for free or reduced lunch? (Circle one) Yes / No / I don't know

Primary Language Spoken in your home: _____

Note: All services cannot be guaranteed due to capacity.

YES, I consent to have the above PCTI student receive all services provided by the School Based Youth Services Program at PCTI.

I only consent to limited services: please specify _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature (16+ years old may self-consent): _____ Date: _____

Alternate Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Phone Number: _____