

Somerville Youth Workers Network
Resource Guide 2009

*A partial listing of programs and agencies
serving the young people of Somerville*

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Teen Connection at Somerville High School

Primary Health Care Services, Mental Health Care, and Confidential Reproductive Health Care and Education for youth aged 12-24. Some services are free of charge.

Call (617) 575 5690 to make an appointment, or just stop by.

COPE

A support and education program for Pregnant and Parenting Teens Somerville School District. COPE helps pregnant and parenting teens maintain their academic focus for high-school graduation while learning parenting skills.

Community Education

Health Education is provided by the Family Planning and Adolescent Community Health Program to teens on topics such as relationships, puberty, birth control/safe sex, HIV, etc. Workshops are free of charge, and can be scheduled by contacting Teen Connection staff.

Centro Presente, Inc.
Pintamos Nuestro Mundo

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Somerville, MA 02143
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www.cpresente.org

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Program Description:

Pintamos Nuestro Mundo/We Paint Our World (PNM) is a unique initiative that engages immigrant Latino youth between the ages of 11 and 18 in comprehensive arts-oriented curriculum, homework assistance, outdoor activities and leadership development.

City of Somerville Recreation and Youth Department

19 Walnut Street
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Program Description:

The Somerville Recreation Department, located at 19 Walnut Street, offers programs including; soccer clinics, basketball, volleyball, ceramics, mosaics and a babysitting course which includes CPR and First Aid training. For more information about these and other Recreation Department programs please contact 617-625-6600 x 2980.

City of Somerville, Somerville Commissions

City Hall Annex, First Floor
50 Evergreen Avenue
Somerville MA 02143
617-625-6600, x2400

Representing the following: **Somerville Commission for Women, Human Rights Commission, Multicultural Affairs Commission, Commission for Persons with Disabilities**
Also representing the **LGBT Community**

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Organization Description:

The Somerville Commissions supports four commissions and also the LGBT community. The basic goals of all the groups are to reduce discrimination and increase opportunities. The staff provides support, research, advocacy, leads Taskforces, and raises awareness on key issues. The Commissions are an important place for Somerville residents of all ages to learn about community needs and opportunities while also sharing their own perspective and experiences. Teens Against Dating Abuse (TADA) is part of the Somerville Commissions.

Community Action Agency of Somerville

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Organization Description:

CAAS is the federally-mandated anti-poverty agency in Somerville. CAAS runs the Head Start early education program for young children and their families. The CAAS Advocacy Program runs the Eviction Prevention Program, keeping people in stable, affordable, sanitary housing, and works in coalition on a wide range of welfare issues.

Youth Program Description:

Since 1992, Jovenes Latinos (Latino Youth) has been working on issues that directly affect the young Latino community of Somerville. Their newest project is studying and addressing obesity in the Latino immigrant community. Since 2005, they have assessed occupational health and safety risks facing immigrants and worked on policy changes to improve immigrant worker health. The teens are experts on the new child labor protections for working youth. Over the past 16 years, this program has educated Latino and other youth about drugs and alcohol, crime and violence, unwanted pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, youth empowerment and leadership, and tobacco prevention. The teens have participated in many community campaigns, events, conferences, trainings, meetings, and forums. They have also created their own newsletter and occasional cable TV show.

Concilio Hispano, Inc.

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Concilio Hispano, Inc. is a non-profit, community-based human service organization founded in 1969 by Latinos who wanted to improve conditions in their community. Today, still managed by Latinos, we continue to make an impact on the lives of Latinos in the greater Boston area by offering a wide range of support programs. Concilio Hispano offers comprehensive client-centered programs including: Education Development (English to Speakers of Other Languages classes, Spanish General Education Development preparatory classes, and Native Language Literacy classes); Health and Family Programs (Young Parents Support Program, Somerville Lead Poisoning Prevention, HIV/AIDS Case Management, HIV Prevention & Education, Outpatient Substance Abuse Ambulatory Program, Driver Alcohol Education Program for First Offenders, Second Offender for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Program and Cambridge Jail); and

Community Building Programs (Information & Referrals Services, Interpretation & Translation Services, Community Workshops and Events).

Eagle Eye Institute

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Program Description:

Hands-on environmental education program at Somerville High School.

Elizabeth Peabody House

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Out of School Director
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Program Description:

Elizabeth Peabody House provides afterschool, infant/toddler, preschool, and summer camp programs at various locations in Somerville. Financial assistance is available and they accept childcare vouchers. EPH employs staff that speaks English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Groundwork Somerville

240 Elm Street, Suite B7
Somerville, MA 02144
Phone: (617) 628-9988
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Program Description:

We do a variety of in-school and after-school environmental programming, including, but not limited to: Garden maintenance, harvesting and education; mentoring programming; high school jobs (summer and school year); middle school internships; community service projects.

Haitian Coalition

268 Rear Powder House Boulevard Unit#17C
Somerville, MA 02144
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Contact:

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Program Description:

The Haitian Coalition works to assist youth and young adult Haitians, using a holistic approach to improve the overall social, educational, and economical development in Somerville, Medford, Malden and the surrounding areas.

Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health

337 Somerville Ave, 2nd Floor
Somerville, MA 02143

Contact:

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Program Description:

The purpose of this group is to bring issues that immigrants face to the forefront in Somerville through

Health Fairs/Teen Educator groups (occupational healing and safety) hire and train fluently bi-lingual teens as interpreters for the health fairs. We coordinate youth group activities in other organizations in the areas of health and occupational health and safety.

Massachusetts Alliance for Portuguese Speakers (MAPS)

1046 Cambridge St.
Cambridge, MA 02139
Phone: (617) 864-7600
Fax: (617) 864-7621
Website: www.maps-inc.org

Contact:

Anabela Quelha
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Program Description:

Educational group for Portuguese speaking youth focused on HIV/AIDS, tobacco, and violence prevention.

2009 Mayor's Summer Job Program

Contact:

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Program Description:

The mayor's summer job program is designed to provide Somerville residents aged 16+ with employment opportunities.

Mystic Learning Center, Inc

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Program Descriptions:

School Age Child Care: After-school, summer and school vacation week programs for youth age 5-13 years.

Empowering Competent Youth: In-school youth employment for ages 14-21. Peer leaders run out of school time activities. Choice Club for youth age 8-12.

Launch: Provides GED preparation and job development for youth ages 16-21 that are not enrolled in school.

Family Events: Parents meet to plan and share family events for all ages.

Books of Hope: A writing, publishing, and performing program for youth and young adults to publish their poems, lyrics, and stories in books to be sold at performance events. A partnership with the Somerville Arts Council.

Regional Center for Healthy Communities (Metrowest)

552 Mass Ave, Suite 203
Cambridge, MA 02139

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Program Description:

Provides free curriculum and activity resources on prevention topics to borrow. Also provides technical assistance to community coalitions to incorporate youth development principles into community efforts, to prevent substance abuse, and to build healthier communities. A new program that is being offered is a regional tobacco youth advisory board called the Student Tobacco Elimination Project (STEP).

Somerville Arts Council

City Hall Annex

50 Evergreen Ave

Somerville, MA 02145

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Website: www.somervilleartscouncil.org

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Program Descriptions:

Mystic Mural Project: A summer youth opportunity to work with an artist and environmental educator to learn about the Mystic River and paint murals.

Books of Hope: A partnership with the Mystic Learning Center, Inc.; A writing publishing, and performing program for youth and young adults to publish their poems, lyrics, and stories in books to be sold at performance events.

Somerville Boys and Girls Club**Programs*****Washington Street Clubhouse***

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Mystic-Healey Clubhouse

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Blessing of the Bay Clubhouse

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Somerville, MA 02145

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Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP)

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Program Description:

Somerville Positive Forces 100, (SPF100): 10-12 Youth leaders, 2 adult advisors work together to support social change that would empower youth to make healthier decisions regarding the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. Strategies include community education, youth mentoring, advocacy, and policy enforcement.

Somerville Community Growing Center

Physical Address:

16 Vinal Ave
Somerville, MA 02144

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Somerville, MA 02144

Website: www.thegrowingcenter.org

Contact:

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Program Description:

The friends of the Community Growing Center coordinate activities at this city-owned ¼ garden/park. Community organizations are encouraged to host events or on-going programs at this outdoor site. Contact us to discuss using space for programs, celebrations, special events or community service opportunities.

Somerville Community Health Agenda

230 Highland Ave, SON 502
Somerville, MA 02143 (mailing address)
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Program Description:

SCHA is a partnership between Cambridge Health Alliance, the Somerville Health Department and the community that facilitates collaborative community health processes to improve the health of Somerville residents. We provide support and technical assistance for development of programs to impact the health of

our youth. This year, we are focusing on collaborative programs to promote healthy eating, increased physical fitness and positive mental health.

Somerville Community Access TV (SCAT)

90 Union Square
Somerville, MA 02143
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Program Description:

Youth make a difference in media at Somerville Community Access Television. The program transforms teens from being passive consumers of media to active media producers. Next generation producers teaches youth through hands-on instruction with state of the art digital media production, equipment, and facilities. Youth acquire the skills needed to create media projects that communicate their own ideas to the broader community. For more information go to www.saymedia.blogspot.com

Somerville Trauma Response Network

City of Somerville
Health Department
50 Evergreen Ave.
Somerville, MA 02143

Contact:

Patty Contente
Clinical Youth Specialist
Phone: (617) 625-6600 x4325

Program Description:

Clinical Youth Specialist provides information and referral regarding mental health information and resources. Provides prevention programming on Suicide and other Mental Health issues; coordinates the Mayor's Task force on Suicide and Mental Health and manages the Somerville Trauma Response Network (TRN). The TRN is a volunteer network trained in post traumatic stress management to provide support to community youth related to unexpected tragedies/consultation around traumatic incidents in the city.

Teen Empowerment

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Program Description:

Teen Empowerment employs youth ages 14-21 in the community to bring about social change as community organizers. Youth develop a strategy and hold events to create positive social change.

Teens Against Dating Abuse (TADA)

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Somerville MA 02143
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Program Description:

Teens Against Dating Abuse (TADA) is a peer leadership and education program initiated by and aimed to benefit teens at Somerville High School and the Somerville community. Participating students are taught about dating relationships, dating violence, teaching skills, and curriculum development skills. TADA meets weekly, plans activities to educate their community about positive relationship roles, what to look for in a

violent dating relationship, and where to go if someone needs support for their own dating relationship. Peer leaders from TADA speak in high school health classes, inner school events, and city-wide events (such as the annual Women's Commission Candlelight Vigil for October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month). TADA is a group committed to educating students in leadership skills and educating the community about awareness of dating violence. **The group is actively recruiting members for the current year and returning SHS students for next year.**

Tufts University

Community Relations

120 Packard Avenue
Medford, MA 02155
Fax: (617) 627-3383
Website: www.tufts.edu

Contact:

Barbara Rubel
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Program Description:

The Office of Community Relations serves as a connecting link between the university and our host communities of Somerville, Medford, Chinatown and Grafton. We look for ways to connect the university's resources with many different programs and organizations in those communities. Please contact us with requests, concerns and great ideas!

Wayside Youth and Family Support Network

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Program Description:

Wayside provides leading edge counseling, family support, residential and educational services for building strength, hope and resiliency in youth, families and communities.

Wayside Multi-Service Center: Peer Leadership, student assistance, and activity groups focused on prevention of substance abuse, violence, and HIV/AIDS, through building resiliency skills in youth. Wayside uses a multi-cultural, community-based, collaborative approach to services.

The Welcome Project

530 Mystic Ave., Room 111
Somerville, MA 02145
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Maria Landaverde, Program Coordinator
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Christy Pardew, ESOL teacher

Program Description:

The Welcome Projects maintains a youth peer leadership program focusing on providing young people from immigrant families from the Mystic Housing Development and surrounding neighborhoods with opportunities to develop and reach their full potential. We host academic enrichment programs, offer support for youth preparing to enter college or the work force, and hands-on civic engagement projects. The Liaison Interpreters program trains fluently bi-lingual high school students to work as interpreters in community meeting and general health settings (not medical interpretation). A homework help club is supported by volunteers from Tufts University and the community.

YMCA

101 Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02143
Phone: (617) 625-5050

Contacts:

William Murphy, Executive Director
Michael Williams, Youth Activities Director
Joseph Pinto, Youth Services Director

Program Description:

YMCA Outreach Program-NYPUM: A year-round counseling/adventure activities program designed to meet the needs of at-risk youth.

YMCA High School Fitness Program: Youth have access to gym, weight room, track, and pool during scheduled hours.

Cops and Kids Program: Designed to acquaint youth with police officers and provide mediation and substance abuse prevention training.

General YMCA youth programming: This includes gym and swim lessons for multiple ages as well as life guard training.