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Position Paper**

**YOUTH SERVICE BUREAUS and YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS**

***Part One – The History of Youth Service Bureaus in Connecticut***

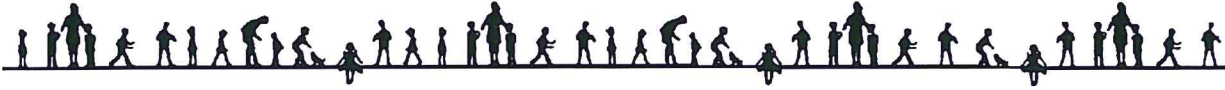
The formation of Youth Service Bureaus (YSBs) in Connecticut dates back to the 1970's. As of June 30, 2012, there were 99 YSBs serving 147 cities and towns in Connecticut. The current list of YSBs by region, compiled by the State Department of Education, includes:

**Eastern Region Youth Service Bureaus – (16 YSBs)**

*Andover/Hebron/Marlborough Youth Services (serving Andover, Hebron, Marlborough)*  
*Ashford Youth Services Bureau*  
*Coventry Youth Services*  
*East Hartford Youth Services*  
*Ellington Youth Services*  
*Enfield Youth Services*  
*Glastonbury Youth and Family Services*  
*Manchester Youth Services*  
*Mansfield Youth Services*  
*South Windsor Youth & Family Services*  
*Stafford Family Services*  
*Tolland Human Services*  
*United Services (serving Killingly, Putnam, Thompson, Plainfield, Sterling, Pomfret, Woodstock, Canterbury Brooklyn, Eastford)*  
*Vernon Youth Services Bureau*  
*Willington Youth Services*  
*Windham Youth Services*

**Fairfield County Youth Service Bureaus – (12 YSBs)**

*Bridgeport Youth Services Bureau*  
*Fairfield Youth Services*  
*Mayor's Youth Service Bureau of Stamford*  
*New Canaan Youth Services*  
*Norwalk Department of Youth Services*  
*Stratford Community Services*  
*The Depot (serving Darien)*  
*The United Way of Greenwich, Inc.*  
*Trumbull Counseling Center*  
*Weston Youth Services*  
*Westport Department of Human Services*  
*Wilton Youth Services*

**Middlesex County Youth Service Bureaus (11 YSBs)**

*Clinton Youth & Family Services*

*Cromwell Youth Services*

*Durham/Middlefield Youth Services (serving Durham, Middlefield)*

*East Haddam Youth Services*

*East Hampton Youth Services*

*Middletown Youth Services*

*Old Saybrook Youth & Family Services*

*Portland Youth & Family Services*

*Tri-Town Youth Services, Inc. (serving Essex, Deep River, Chester)*

*Westbrook Youth & Family Services*

*Youth & Family Services of Haddam/Killingworth (serving Haddam, Killingworth)*

**New London Youth Service Bureaus (12 YSBs)**

*Colchester Youth Services*

*East Lyme Youth Services*

*Griswold Youth Services Bureau*

*Groton Youth & Family Services*

*Ledyard Youth Services*

*Lymes Youth Services (serving Old Lyme, Lyme)*

*Montville Youth Services*

*Norwich Youth & Family Services*

*Office of Youth Affairs (serving New London)*

*Preston Youth Services*

*Stonington Youth & Family Services*

*Waterford Youth Service Bureau*

**North Central Youth Service Bureaus (19 YSBs)**

*Avon Youth Services*

*Berlin Youth Services*

*Bloomfield Social & Youth Services*

*Bristol Youth Services*

*East Granby Youth Services*

*Farmington Youth Services*

*Granby Youth Services*

*Hartford Youth Services*

*New Britain Youth & Family Services*

*Newington Youth Services*

*Plainville Youth Services*

*Rocky Hill Youth Services*

*Simsbury Youth Service Bureau*

*Southington Youth Services*

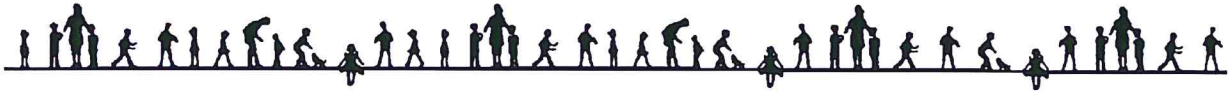
*Suffield Youth Services*

*The Bridge Family Center (serving West Hartford)*

*Wethersfield Social & Youth Services Department*

*Windsor Locks Youth Services*

*Windsor Youth Service Bureau*

**Northwestern Youth Service Bureaus (14 YSBs)**

*Canaan Youth Services*

*Canton Youth Services Bureau*

*Cheshire Youth and Social Services*

*Danbury Youth Services*

*Housatonic Youth Services (serving Canaan [Falls Village], Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon)*

*Naugatuck Youth Services*

*New Milford Youth Agency*

*Newtown Youth Services*

*Prospect Youth Service Bureau*

*Ridgefield Youth Services*

*Southbury-Middlebury Youth & Family Services (serving Southbury, Middlebury)*

*Torrington Area Youth Services (serving Torrington, Harwinton, Burlington)*

*Waterbury Youth Service System*

*Winchester Youth Service Bureau (serving Barkhamsted, Colebrook, Hartland, NewHartford, Norfolk, Winchester)*

**South Central Youth Service Bureaus (15 YSBs)**

*Ansonia Youth Service Bureau*

*Branford Counseling Center*

*East Haven Youth Services*

*Guilford Youth & Family Services*

*Hamden Youth Services*

*Madison Youth Services*

*Meriden Youth Services*

*Milford Youth Services*

*New Haven Youth Services*

*North Haven Community Services*

*Orange Department of Youth Services*

*Shelton Youth Service Bureau*

*Wallingford Youth Social Services*

*West Haven Youth & Family Services*

*Woodbridge Human Services*

Note: Three new YSBs will begin operations on July 1, 2012, including: Columbia, Watertown and Voluntown.

The majority of YSBs are municipal departments, while a small number are set up as private, non-profit organizations. Typically these community-based “Bureaus” focus on the provision of human services. Most YSBs in Connecticut perform a combination of administrative functions involving research, evaluation, planning, and coordination of programs, as well as the provision of community-based direct services. YSB’s are statutorily defined in CT General Statutes, sec. 10-19m-p that states in part... “A Youth Service Bureau shall be the coordinating unit of community-based services to provide the comprehensive delivery of prevention, intervention, treatment and follow-up services.”