



MISSION STATEMENT

It is our duty, as a responsible public entity, to protect our children and ensure their safety. By providing access to our various wellness services, we strengthen the partnership between our County and its schools to foster secure and peaceful environments for our students. Our County has an extensive support system with abundant resources, committed to helping our children here in Westchester County.

The logo for Hudson Valley Region 2-1-1, featuring the text "Hudson Valley Region" in blue, a red star, and "2-1-1" in large blue numbers. Below it is the tagline "Get Connected. Get Answers." and a list of counties: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester, along with the United Way logo.

United Way's 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, multilingual information and referral helpline.

Open 365 days a year, 9 AM - 7 PM.

Delivers free access to health and human services information and referrals.



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SCHOOL SAFETY



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Resources and Methods to Ensure Safety in Schools

WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

The Westchester County Youth Bureau provides financial support, and monitors and supports non-profit agencies, organizations and municipalities that provide programs and services to youth. The goal is to promote positive youth development and to encourage healthy lifestyles.

Protecting our children is a top priority for Westchester County. The link below will help provide a wealth of information and resources about issues that often arise during the teen years.

Parents, be informed and talk to your teen about seat belt use, drinking and driving and the perils of steroid use and prescription drug abuse. Also, if you suspect that a child is being abused, know the signs and what to do about it.

youth.westchestergov.com/protecting-youth

ANTI-BULLYING RESOURCES AT THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

Bullying is nothing new. Whether it is with fists or words, there have always been people who try to exert their power or just torment others. Cyberbullying is a form of harassment and is sometimes an actual crime. It can take place through Facebook, e-mail, chat rooms, instant messaging, text messages, web sites, mobile phones, online games — to name a few. Kids, parents and teachers alike can take action to prevent cyberbullying or deal with it when it happens.

For more information on anti-bullying visit:
youth.westchestergov.com/protecting-youth/cyberbullying

For more information on the Westchester County Youth Bureau call (914) 995-2745 or visit:
youth.westchestergov.com/youth-bureau

SAFETY MEASURES IN SCHOOLS

In September 2019, the Westchester County School Safety Commission released its recommendations to create safer schools in the County – schools of all levels – by following a core set of data-driven best practices and blue prints for success.

The report called: “Creating Safer Schools: Recommendations to Strengthen and Enhance Prevention, Planning and Response to School Violence,” is a foundational document. It combines best practices being used at the state level and across the country to create a proactive climate to prevent school violence of any kind and to plan for action and response if a threat or incident takes place in one of the 400-plus school facilities here in Westchester.

Read the full report here:

westchesterda.net/images/stories/pdfs/2019schoolsafety.pdf

To report an incident, suspicious activity or crime in Westchester County directly to the District Attorney’s Office, call (914) 995-TIPS (914-995-8477) or complete and submit the complaint form here:

westchesterda.net/images/stories/pdfs/cfenglish.pdf

For more information on the Westchester County Public Safety Department call (914) 995-2000 or visit:
publicsafety.westchestergov.com



CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program is a collaboration of professionals committed to assisting persons with behavioral health disorders. This collaboration includes local members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), health service providers, family members, and law enforcement officers. The most important aspect of the CIT is the training provided to law enforcement officers.

For more information on the Westchester County Department of Mental Health call (914) 995-5239 or visit:
mentalhealth.westchestergov.com



SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

The Westchester Suicide Prevention Task Force was established in 2014. The primary mission is to increase awareness, decrease stigma, and implement and support programs throughout Westchester County aimed at suicide prevention.

**IF SOMEONE IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER,
CONTACT 911.**

Urgent Assistance is also available at 988.

For more information on suicide prevention visit:
westchestercountysuicideprevention.org/