

Our Goals

We're focused on supporting the youth in our community and giving them the resources and tools necessary to lead productive, healthy lives. We offer a variety of services to ensure our youth are given every opportunity to succeed regardless of family income, background, or legal involvement. We see the value in community connectedness, and we're eager to help repair, restore, and/or strengthen those connections in the areas we serve. We're happy to tailor our services to meet the specific needs of groups and families that we work with.

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"Caring Beyond Belief"

About Us

Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties serves, empowers, and advocates for all persons in our community regardless of race, creed, lifestyle choice, or religious affiliation with special emphasis on the poor and vulnerable.

Mission Statement

Catholic Charities of Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie Counties, a ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Albany, is committed to active witness on behalf of the Scriptural values of mercy and justice.

Catholic Charities, recognizing human need at all stages of life, responds to all persons regardless of race, creed or lifestyle, with special emphasis on the economically poor and the vulnerable.

Catholic Charities serves and empowers persons in need, advocates for a just society, calls forth and collaborates with women and men of good will in fulfillment of its mission.



YOUTH SERVICES

PROMOTING POSITIVE YOUTH OUTCOMES THROUGH RESTORATIVE PRACTICES, MENTORING, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.





Restorative Conferencing

Restorative Conferencing allows harmed individuals to come face-to-face with individuals responsible for causing the harm. With the support of a trained facilitator, parties are able to express their feelings, ask questions, and collaborate on a plan to repair the harm. Conferences hold offenders accountable and allow both parties to be open and honest about how they've been affected. Those responsible for creating harm, are able to take ownership of their actions, make apologies, and create a realistic plan for repairing harm without being ostracized by the community.

Mediation

Our Mediators are trained and certified through the NYS Unified Court System to facilitate conversations between interested parties. Our mediators are non-biased and impartial. Through this process, our mediators are able to help individuals come to a mutually agreeable solution and often avoid court appearances and other legal fees. Some types of mediation that we offer include Custody/Visitation Mediation, Special Education Mediation, Attendance Mediation, Parent/Teen Mediation, and mediation of minor criminal matters.

Peer Mediation

Conflicts between peers are natural, however not all students are equipped with healthy conflict resolution skills. When handled inappropriately, peer conflicts can impact students' school performance, family relationships, and lead to destructive behaviors. Through our Peer Mediation Program, students are equipped with the skills necessary to tackle conflicts in healthy, productive ways. Our staff is prepared to train students and faculty in Peer Mediation and available to provide ongoing support and guidance to schools implementing this program.

Youth Mentoring

Our evidence based Mentoring Program matches at-risk youth with personal mentors from the community. Mentors engage youth in different activities including sporting events, games, arts and crafts, cooking ventures, and more. Mentors meet with their mentee for at least 6 hours each month and act as reliable, positive role models. Mentoring is proven to increase youth's school performance, increase self-esteem, decrease risky behaviors, and more.



Dialogue Circles

Circles allow participants the opportunity to safely discuss issues and express concerns. Circles encourage individuals to work together and hold each other accountable. Our staff is prepared to help schools, youth programs, and other agencies implement Circles as team building exercises or as a tool for problem solving or classroom management.