

Youth and Family Services Advisory Committee

Legislative Reference:

State: CGS 10-19m through 10-19p addresses Youth Service Bureaus.

Type: Statutory, advisory, and permanent.

Geographic Responsibility: Town of Groton.

History: A Youth Services Bureau was created in late 1973. An Advisory Committee was formed in response to a funding mandate from the State Department of Children and Families. Subsequently the grant was administered by the State Department of Education.

Powers and Duties:

General: To evaluate, plan, coordinate and implement services, including prevention and intervention programs for youth. A youth service bureau shall be the coordinating unit of community-based services to provide comprehensive delivery of prevention, intervention treatment and follow-up services. To provide community involvement and youth advocacy for the Youth and Family Services division of Groton Human Services.

Specific: Services may include prevention and intervention programs for delinquent, predelinquent, pregnant, parenting, and troubled youth. They may include: individual and group counseling; parent training and family therapy; work placement and employment counseling; alternative and special educational opportunities; recreational and youth enrichment programs; outreach programs; prevention programs; and programs that develop positive youth development.

Appointing Authority: Town Manager.

Term of Office: Indefinite.

Membership:

Number: At least fifteen (15) members, including ex-officio members.

Requirements: Must represent a cross-section of service providers, school, clergy, and police representatives; must also include a student representative and preferably a parent representative.

Meeting Schedule and Location: Five (5) times a year (January, March, May, September, November) at various locations. A June meeting is a make-up meeting in the event a regularly-scheduled meeting is cancelled.

Staff: Department of Human Services, Youth and Family Services division.

Records: Located at the Department of Human Services.

Agendas and Minutes also on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Further information:

The State provides cost-sharing grants (CGS 10-19n, 10-19o).

Youth and Family Services office is located at 2 Fort Hill Road.

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