



Youth Services System Inc.

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Youth Services System, Inc. to host 17th Annual Celebrate Youth Festival

WHEELING, W.Va.— Youth Services System, Inc. (YSS) is set to host its 17th annual Celebrate Youth Festival on August 1, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Wheeling Park. The festival brings youth and families in the community together for a day of fun. The event is open to the public and includes a free wristband to the park, back-to-school supplies, lunch, and other fun activities.

Approximately 60 exhibitors from the area volunteer to attend the event. These exhibitors offer various information and resources surrounding health and education for children and families. YSS staff and community volunteers join by handing out school supplies and lunch, making arts and crafts with children, and ensuring the great resources in our community are shared with parents and guardians.

Several exhibitors such as the Wheeling Nailers, West Virginia Northern Community College, Oglebay Good Zoo, Northwood Health Systems, and many more return each year to provide community entertainment, information on higher education, and resources for health care.

The community highly anticipates this event. Families begin lining up hours before the event starts, with thousands of attendees yearly. YSS provides a free wristband to the park, offering entry to the pool, mini-golf, and boat rides around the pond. The agency also provides activities like inflatables from Tripp's Fun Zone, table games, and free lunches for families.

Special Events Coordinator, Holly Fox, says, "I'm excited about the community coming together for a day of fun." Fox explains, "We offer various games, interactive crafts, prizes, and more."

Jill Eddy, YSS CEO, says, "We are fortunate to have wonderful resources for children and families in the valley and look forward to making sure they are provided these resources to promote success this school year." Eddy continues, "Student and family success aligns with our mission, 'To Create Better Futures for Children, Families, and the Community.'"

The event serves as a day for family fun and a way to connect families with information on substance misuse prevention, mental health resources, college and education, and so much more. The agency recognizes that for some families, this day is the only time each summer they get to experience a summer vacation.

For more information about the event, or to become an exhibitor, fill out the [registration form](#) on the YSS website, or contact Holly Fox at hfox1@ysswv.com.

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About Youth Services System, Inc.:

Youth Services System, Inc.'s mission is "to create better futures for children, families and our community." YSS is committed to responding to the complex needs of youth at serious risk. Since 1974, Youth Services System, Inc. has reached thousands of youth and their families with our shelter, residential, community-based and professional services. Together with youth and their families, we work to improve their physical and emotional well-being, to address the debilitating effects of abuse, substance use, and trauma, and to build the skills and connections they need to be successful. Accredited by CARF International, YSS is supported by our volunteer Board of Directors, dedicated staff and faithful community, allowing us to make a measurable impact in the lives of youth. For more information, visit www.youthservicessystem.org.