



*City of Bristol
Youth Commission*

INFORMATION TO ACCESS THIS MEETING

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The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 6:00 PM. in City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, CT.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Attendance
2. Public Participation
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of Minutes: February 12, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
4. Supervisor's Report
 - a. Supervisor's Report
 - b. Year to Date Financials
 - c. B.E.S.T Update
5. New Business
 - a. Juvenile Review Board - Restorative Practices and Restorative Justice
 - b. YSB Day at the Capital
 - c. Community Clean-Up Day

- d. Youth and Prevention Leaders Awards - Voting
 - e. Review the June 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Date
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Update on the City Hall Relocation Plan
 - b. By Commissioners
- 7. Adjournment

PER ORDER OF THE CHAIRPERSON
Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chair



Youth Commission

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Bristol City Hall-111 North Main Street Bristol, CT 06010 Room G-1

1. Call to Order

Chair, Officer Matthew Gotowala, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Attendance

Members Present:

Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chair
Deborah Ahl, Vice Chair,
Ryan Broderick, Commissioner
Donna Osuch, Commissioner
Lance Washington, Commissioner
Erick Rosengren, City Council Liaison
Dr. Josh Medeiros, Superintendent
Stephen Bynum, Youth and Community Services
Supervisor
Aubrey Minkler, Community Services Coordinator

Absent:

Ryan Broderick, Commissioner,
Jonathan Lukasiewicz, Commissioner
Miguel Salguero, Commissioner
Renee Singleton, Commissioner
Luke Viens, Commissioner
Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent

2. Public Participation

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Commissioner Kilby to Approve the December 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Commissioner Osuch, all in favor, motion carried

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4. Supervisor's Report

a. Supervisor's Report

Youth and Community Services Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the Supervisor's Report. Youth and Community Services Supervisor Bynum updated the Commission on the status of the programs, such as the Paul Vivian Internship Program, Women's Issues Group, Girls with a Purpose, B.E.S.T (Bristol Eliminating Substance Use Together) programs, Man Up and Empower Hour. He also presented updates on the current statistics of the Juvenile Review Board, as well as the results of the Community Conversations Event; discussion followed.

b. Year to Date Financials

Youth and Community Services Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the Year-to-Date Financials. Youth and Community Services Supervisor Bynum stated the finances are standard. There have not been any increases in Relocation Services, which is a decrease from Fiscal Year 2024; discussion followed.

c. B.E.S.T Year End Review

Youth and Community Services Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the B.E.S.T Year End Review. Youth and Community Services Supervisor Bynum shared who the members of the BEST Coalition are, along with the upcoming meetings and events for 2025. The BEST Project Coordinator, Deedra Willingham, and Supervisor Bynum attended a meeting with the Board of Education about implementing a Wellness Survey to students in the high schools and one middle school; discussion followed.

5. New Business

a. YSB Quarter 1 Data Collection Review

Youth and Community Services Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the YSB (Youth Service Bureau) Quarter 1 (one) Data Collection Review. Youth and Community Services Supervisor Bynum stated that Bristol is in the North Central Region and is higher in

programming. Statewide there are 1,351 current JRB cases in which 53% percent of them occur at school; discussion followed.

b. School Readiness Presentation

Commissioner Donna Osuch presented the School Readiness Presentation. The School Readiness Program is a Connecticut State-funded program established in 1997. It was established to provide spaces in high-quality preschool programs for eligible children from infants to age 4, in priority school districts or competitive grant communities. Commissioner Osuch presented all the collaborations and successes; discussion followed.

c. Social Media Presentation

Youth and Community Services Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the idea of a Social Media Presentation. This would take place at Bristol Central High School. Supervisor Bynum and Commissioner Broderick had been looking for a presenter with a strong, interactive and lasting presentation for students; discussion followed.

d. BPRYCS Tentative Relocation Plan to City Hall

Youth and Community Services Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the BPRYCS Tentative Relocation Plan to City Hall. Supervisor Bynum showed the commission the tentative layout of the space for Parks and Recreation, Youth and Community Services, proposed to be on the ground floor of the City Hall building at 111 N. Main Street. There were concerns raised about privacy for clients utilizing counseling services, programming, and parking; discussion followed.

e. By Commissioners

None.

6. Old Business

a. Holiday Gift Giving Program Impact Report

Community Services Coordinator Aubrey Minkler presented the Holiday Gift Giving Impact Report. The program was a huge success, serving 473 Bristol children and 184 families with the Shop with a Cop event, Stuff a Cruiser event, and donation bins in multiple locations; discussion followed.

b. By Commissioners

None.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by City Council Liaison Rosengren to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.
Seconded by Commissioner Kilby, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Amaris Estrada
Recording Secretary
Youth Commission

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Project Aware Updates

April 2025

Young Women's Issues Group

The Young Women's Issues Group is a 22-week program that is facilitated by Youth and Family Coordinators Ashante Malone and Raven Cody. The group began October 23rd and will be wrapping up soon, with an end date of April 30th. There have been 8 students attending consistently this year. To date, topics that have been covered include, Human Trafficking Prevention, Conflict Resolution, and Mental Health. Group facilitators have also connected with Bristol Works and Prudence Crandall who have presented for the students. YWCA is also scheduled to visit and present to the group as well. A field trip to Tunxis Community College took place on February 26th where the students were given a campus tour and provided information on degree and certificate programs the College offers. Our last field trip will take place on April 9th at Pine Lake Challenge Course

Girls with Goals

The Girls with Goals program at Bristol Eastern High School began their Spring Session on April 3rd. YFC Coordinator Ashante Malone alongside the department's BSW intern Katelyn Jeroszko will facilitate the group. 12 students have been referred to the group, and both Katelyn and Ashante hosted a brief meet and greet with the students prior to the start of the group. The group will take place every Thursday morning for 8 sessions, and will conclude on May 29th. A tentative curriculum and schedule have also been developed, however, can change based on the need of group participants. Topics to be covered include, Mental Health and Substance Use, Conflict Resolution, and Teen Dating Violence.

Man Up

The Man-Up Program, a young men's empowerment group for middle-school boys at the Bristol Boys and Girls Club, is approaching its fifth weekly session on 4/2/25. This program provides a welcoming and safe environment for young men to receive support and develop skills alongside their peers and mentors.

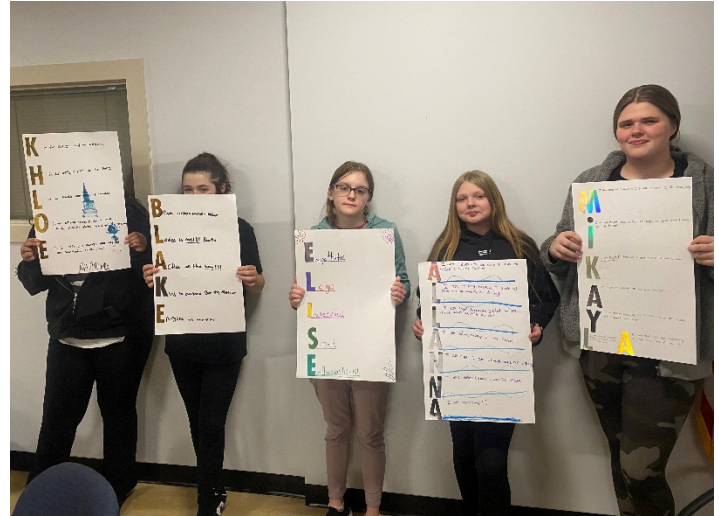
With nine students currently participating, the program has primarily focused on the qualities of leadership. The group has collaboratively identified exemplary traits in others and recognized leaders within their own lives, articulating the reasons for their significance.

During the most recent session on 3/26/25 the group concluded discussions on defining leadership qualities and exploring the practical application of leadership principles both in and out of the classroom.

Co-facilitated by Bristol Boys and Girls Club Leadership Development Specialist Anthony Johnson and Bristol Youth and Community Services Intern Alfred Valero, the next session on 4/2/25, marks the program's halfway point and will transition to developing positive skills and strategies.

Girls with a Purpose

Girls with a Purpose, a support and empowerment group for Bristol middle school girls, has completed 10 out of 12 sessions, with the group concluding on 4/30/25. The program is facilitated by Ashante Malone, LMSW and Raven Cody, LMSW, Youth and Family Coordinators and has 8 group members. Topics completed thus far through hands-on activities and discussions include self-love and self-esteem, self-identity, self-confidence, mindfulness and coping skills, mental health, and internet safety. Facilitators also arranged for a self-defense instructor to come and teach group members several self-defense tactics. Last, different ethnic cuisines have been provided to group members for dinner several weeks, in which were accompanied by presentations and discussion on each culture. Overall, participants have expressed enjoying the program and have exhibited growth thus far!



Empower Hour

Empower Hour is a free, 8-week social skills group consisting of 9 Bristol elementary school students in 4th and 5th grade, and is facilitated by Raven Cody, LMSW, Youth & Family Coordinator, and Katelyn Jeroszko, BSW Intern. Empower Hour has completed 6 out of 8 sessions and will be concluding on April 29th, 2025. Social-emotional topics covered thus far include relationship building and teamwork skills, empathy and compassion, self-awareness and setting boundaries, emotion regulation, and coping skills. Each participant created their own “coping skills toolbox” in which they were able to take home with them that included several different fidgets and sensory items for their use. Facilitators are planning on covering responsible decision making and impulse control prior to the end of the program!

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)

Nine families successfully participated in the three-session Triple P (Positive Parenting Program), a collaborative effort between the Bristol Board of Education and the Parent and Child Program. This

initiative provided valuable parenting strategies and support, fostering stronger family connections and positive child development. To ensure accessibility for all participants, we offered complimentary childcare and a full dinner each night, creating a welcoming and stress-free environment for families to engage and learn.



Circle of Security Program (COS)

Ten adults and six children participated in the four-session Circle of Security program, also a collaborative effort between the Bristol Board of Education and the Parent and Child Program. This initiative provided parents and caregivers with valuable insights into building secure attachments with their children, fostering stronger relationships and emotional well-being. Highlights from the parent survey include powerful statements such as “The course will make me think about why my child is feeling the way she feels and knowing how to respond to her” and “It (parenting) can feel like an island, so having a resource like this has been incredible.”



Summer Programming:

Bristol
CONNECTICUT

PARKS, RECREATION, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

BACK TO SCHOOL Backpack Program

Backpack, school supplies, and water bottle provided for income eligible school-aged Bristol youth (grades K-12) for the 2025-2026 school year!

REGISTRATION:
APPLICATION FOUND ON
[BRISTOLCT.MYREC.COM](https://bristolct.myrec.com)
(PROOF OF ADDRESS, BIRTH CERTIFICATES, & INCOME VERIFICATION REQUIRED)

QUESTIONS:
CONTACT RAVEN CODY
(YOUTH & FAMILY COORDINATOR)

✉ RAVENCODY@BRISTOLCT.GOV
☎ 860-314-4690



Basketball League at Brackett Park

Thursdays - July 10th to August 21st
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Ages 11 - 17

A FREE recreational basketball league run by Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services, Bristol Police Department, and the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol.

Basketball League at Brackett Park includes six weeks of regular season games with one week of playoffs ending with a championship game. This is an opportunity to further develop sportsmanship skills, meet new friends in a team environment, and spend time in the park!

Rain Location: Bristol Boys and Girls Club
(Located at 255 West St.)

Pre-registration is required at BristolRec.com
Questions? Contact Raven Cody at RavenCody@bristolct.gov

TUESDAYS
7/8/25- 8/5/25
11am-1pm



DROP-IN AT ROCKWELL



FREE!

Ages 4-13
(youth under 10
must be
accompanied by
adult)

COME JOIN US FOR FUN ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING TIE-DYE, SAND ART, CRAFTS,
AND MORE!

Mrs. Rockwell's Pavilion
243 Jacobs Street, Bristol CT 06010



For more information, contact Raven Cody:
ravencody@bristolct.gov or 860-314-4690



YOUTH BOWLING

Nights

For Bristol youth 8-17 years old

FREE ENTRY! (ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED)	WEDNESDAY NIGHTS JULY 2ND- AUGUST 13TH, 2025 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	PIZZA AND SODA PROVIDED WEEKLY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!
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Register online for **FREE** at bristolct.myrec.com
Questions? Contact Raven Cody at ravencody@bristolct.gov or (860) 314-4690

at Spare Time Entertainment in Bristol



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BUS AROUND BRISTOL

**THURSDAY, AUGUST
14TH 2025 12-3:30PM**

Join us for an educational scavenger hunt
in Bristol, guiding teens in navigating
public transportation to engage with their
community.

(Lunch will be provided)

Aubrey Minkler

aubreyminkler@bristolct.gov

Ashante Malone

ashantemalone@bristolct.gov



Skills to Pay the Bills

Bootcamp to assist young men and women ages 14-18 develop self-sufficiency through life skills, financial management, and healthy living. The group prepares members for independence by teaching job readiness, budgeting, and personal goal-setting.

* Lunch will be provided.



Time:

12:00 - 3:00pm



Dates :

Tuesdays & Thursdays
July 22nd - August 7th

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Bristol, CT 06010



YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
001 GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USE/COL
0017025 YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES							
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-432026-		YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU					
	-41,845	0	-41,845	-31,383.00	.00	-10,462.00	75.0%*
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-432147-		ENHANCEMENT SERVICES					
	-12,995	0	-12,995	-9,744.00	.00	-3,251.00	75.0%*
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-432157-		YOUTH SERVICES SUPPLEMENT					
	-18,385	0	-18,385	-13,787.25	.00	-4,597.75	75.0%*
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-450301-		WELFARE EVICTION RECEIPTS					
	-7,500	0	-7,500	-6,660.00	.00	-840.00	88.8%*
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-514000-		REGULAR WAGES & SALARIES					
	294,025	0	294,025	219,366.12	.00	74,658.88	74.6%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-515100-		OVERTIME WAGES & SALARIES					
	6,000	0	6,000	2,540.57	.00	3,459.43	42.3%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-515200-		PARTTIME WAGES & SALARIES					
	0	2,500	2,500	1,604.30	.00	895.70	64.2%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-517000-		OTHER WAGES					
	1,700	0	1,700	1,677.88	.00	22.12	98.7%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531000-		PROFESSIONAL FEES & SERVICES					
	25,000	-2,500	22,500	5,842.50	2,657.50	14,000.00	37.8%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531115-		JRB COORDINATION					
	8,225	0	8,225	2,300.00	550.00	5,375.00	34.7%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531120-		PROJECT AWARE					
	41,845	0	41,845	14,343.73	14,381.62	13,119.65	68.6%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531135-		ENHANCEMENT SERVICES					
	12,995	0	12,995	6,479.85	580.00	5,935.15	54.3%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531136-		YOUTH SERVICES SUPPLEMENT					
	18,385	0	18,385	6,240.46	.00	12,144.54	33.9%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-543000-		REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE					
	0	0	0	735.00	.00	-735.00	100.0%*
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-553000-		TELEPHONE					
	680	0	680	538.60	141.40	.00	100.0%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-561800-		PROGRAM SUPPLIES					
	750	0	750	61.20	.00	688.80	8.2%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-581120-		CONFERENCES & MEMBERSHIPS					
	2,400	0	2,400	1,105.75	225.25	1,069.00	55.5%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-581240-		WELFARE EVICTIONS & AUCTIONS					
	9,000	0	9,000	4,964.80	300.00	3,735.20	58.5%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-581745-		NONREIMBURSEABLE INCIDENTALS					
	2,300	0	2,300	698.70	300.00	1,301.30	43.4%
001 -20-70-7025-0000-000-587232-		RELOCATION COSTS					
	60,000	0	60,000	1,908.00	1,700.00	56,392.00	6.0%
TOTAL YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES	402,580	0	402,580	208,833.21	20,835.77	172,911.02	57.0%

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR: 001 GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	402,580	0	402,580	208,833.21	20,835.77	172,911.02	57.0%	
TOTAL REVENUES	-80,725	0	-80,725	-61,574.25	.00	-19,150.75		
TOTAL EXPENSES	483,305	0	483,305	270,407.46	20,835.77	192,061.77		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13							
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	402,580	0	402,580	208,833.21	20,835.77	172,911.02	57.0%
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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13

ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
106 SPECIAL GRANTS & DONATIONS	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USE/COL
1067025 YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES							
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-432150-25G08	0	JUV DIVERSION GRANT -21,000	-21,000	-15,750.00	.00	-5,250.00	75.0%*
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531125-25G08	0	JUVENILE DIVERSION 21,000	21,000	5,429.00	4,591.00	10,980.00	47.7%
TOTAL YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES	0	0	0	-10,321.00	4,591.00	5,730.00	100.0%
TOTAL SPECIAL GRANTS & DONATIONS	0	0	0	-10,321.00	4,591.00	5,730.00	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	-21,000	-21,000	-15,750.00	.00	-5,250.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	21,000	21,000	5,429.00	4,591.00	10,980.00	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13							
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	-10,321.00	4,591.00	5,730.00	100.0%
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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13

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106 SPECIAL GRANTS & DONATIONS	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USE/COL
1067025 YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES							
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-431007-25G10	0	MISC. FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT					
		-158,727	-158,727	-33,765.88	.00	-124,961.12	21.3%*
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-514000-25G10	0	REGULAR WAGES & SALARIES					
		67,755	67,755	31,973.87	.00	35,781.13	47.2%
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-515200-25G10	0	PARTTIME WAGES & SALARIES					
		15,552	15,552	.00	.00	15,552.00	.0%
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-520700-25G10	0	F.I.C.A.					
		5,165	5,165	966.79	.00	4,198.21	18.7%
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-520750-25G10	0	MEDICARE INSURANCE					
		1,225	1,225	226.10	.00	998.90	18.5%
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-531000-25G10	0	PROFESSIONAL FEES & SERVICES					
		11,846	11,846	2,845.75	5,767.50	3,232.75	72.7%
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-554000-25G10	0	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT					
		5,240	5,240	3,928.02	.00	1,311.98	75.0%
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-561800-25G10	0	PROGRAM SUPPLIES					
		4,466	4,466	1,213.87	.00	3,252.13	27.2%
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-589100-25G10	0	MISCELLANEOUS					
		33,727	33,727	12,937.40	4,000.00	16,789.60	50.2%
106 -20-70-7025-0000-000-591500-25G10	0	TRANSFER OUT INTERNAL SERVICE					
		13,751	13,751	.00	.00	13,751.00	.0%
TOTAL YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES	0	0	0	20,325.92	9,767.50	-30,093.42	100.0%
TOTAL SPECIAL GRANTS & DONATIONS	0	0	0	20,325.92	9,767.50	-30,093.42	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	0	-158,727	-158,727	-33,765.88	.00	-124,961.12	
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	158,727	158,727	54,091.80	9,767.50	94,867.70	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2025 13							
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GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	20,325.92	9,767.50	-30,093.42	100.0%
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PARKS, RECREATION, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

JOIN US



Bristol
Eliminating
Substance Use
Together

33RD ANNUAL

BRISTOL YOUTH AND PREVENTION LEADERS (B.E.S.T) SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

RECOGNIZING SUPERHEROES OF OUR COMMUNITY!

WEDNESDAY MAY 7, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: MUZZY FIELD

**DINNER AND ICE CREAM
WILL BE PROVIDED**



Restorative Practices & Restorative Justice



Building a Culture of Accountability & Healing

Bristol JRB



What Are Restorative Practices?

- A set of principles and processes that promote accountability, healing, and community-building.
- Contrast with punitive approaches.

The Fundamental Premise of Restorative Practices

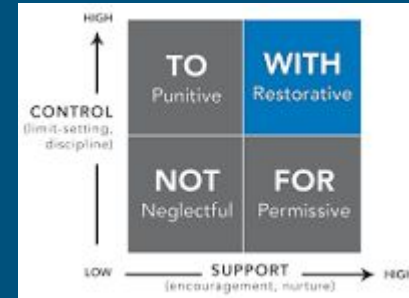
- People are more likely to make positive changes when those in authority do things WITH them rather than TO them or FOR them.
- Key Concept: The importance of engagement, voice, and participation.

The Core Principles of Restorative Justice

- - Accountability
- - Repairing harm
- - Inclusion of all stakeholders
- - Transformation of relationships

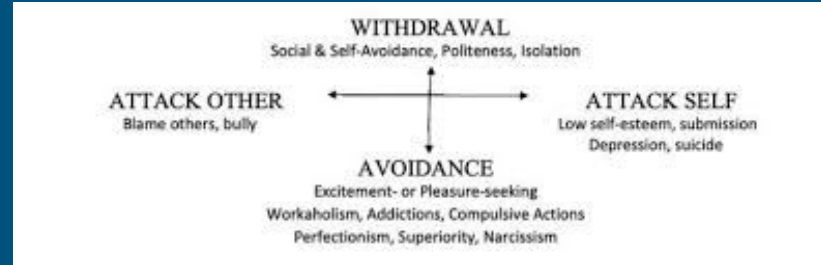
The Social Discipline Window

- A framework for understanding different approaches to discipline:
- - TO: Punitive (high control, low support)
- - FOR: Permissive (low control, high support)
- - NOT: Neglectful (low control, low support)
- - WITH: Restorative (high control, high support)



The Compass of Shame

- People respond to shame in different ways:
 - - Withdrawal (avoiding, isolating)
 - - Attack Self (self-blame, self-deprecation)
 - - Avoidance (distractions, substance use)
 - - Attack Others (blaming, aggression)
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- Restorative Response: Helping people process shame constructively.



Restorative Questions

Restorative Questions to Address Harm

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about it since?
- Who has been affected and in what way?
- How could things have been done differently?
- What do you think needs to happen next?

Traditional Discipline vs. Restorative Justice

- Traditional Discipline: Punitive, exclusionary, retributive.
- Restorative Justice: Focus on repairing harm, inclusive dialogue, rehabilitation.

Restorative Justice in the Criminal Justice System

- How it differs from traditional legal responses:
- - Focus on healing instead of punishment.
- - Examples of restorative programs.
- - Success stories.

The Restorative Process

- 1. Identify Harm – Who was affected?
- 2. Involve Stakeholders – Victims, offenders, community.
- 3. Repair Harm – Agreements, apologies, restitution.
- 4. Reintegrate – Support and growth.

Restorative Circles & Conferences

- - Circles: Used for proactive community building.
- - Conferences: Used for resolving conflicts after harm.

Challenges & Considerations

- - Need for training & resources
- - Balancing accountability & support

Embedding Restorative Practices in a Juvenile Review Board

- 1. Restorative Training for Board Members
- 2. Restorative Intake Process
- 3. Restorative Conferences
- 4. Develop Restorative Agreements
- 5. Support & Reintegration
- 6. Measuring Success

Conclusion & Call to Action

- Why restorative justice matters.
- How can we implement it within our JRB
- **Questions** & discussion.



Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, April 29, 2025** (*revised date*) as we gather for YSB Day at the Capitol. This is a powerful opportunity to highlight the impact of Youth Service Bureaus across Connecticut.

◆ Why Attend?

YSB Day is a chance to connect with legislators, share success stories, and advocate for policies that support youth and families. This event provides a platform to showcase the essential work of YSBs and ensure that the voices of young people and youth advocates are heard. All Directors and youth from their communities are encouraged to participate!

◆ What to Expect?

Engaging discussions on youth services and policy priorities; Opportunities to meet with legislators and share local impact stories; Networking with fellow youth advocates and community leaders; and Inspiring messages on shaping a better future for Connecticut's youth

✚ Take Action!

Be sure to contact your legislators in advance and invite them to stop by! This is a unique opportunity to strengthen relationships with policymakers and demonstrate the importance of continued support for YSBs.

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[Joe Hoxha](#) (R)

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[Mary Fortier](#) (D)

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**SATURDAY
APRIL 26, 2025**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

**PICK UP SUPPLIES BETWEEN
9:00 - 10:30 AM
AT ROCKWELL PARK**

Celebrate Earth Day and join the City of Bristol for a
Community Clean Up Day
Saturday, April 26, 2025 any time from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM
or any time that works for you to clean up your corner of Bristol!

Join your neighbors and friends to help clean up several areas throughout the City:

- Riverside Avenue
- Veterans Memorial Boulevard Park
- The West End Neighborhood
- Along the Railroad Tracks on North Main Street and Main Street
- Forestville Village and Along the Pequabuck River
- Your Neighborhood!

Clean Up Day supplies will be available for pick up while supplies last on the day of the event from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the entrance to Rockwell Park (63 Dutton Ave.).

Supplies will include garbage bags, gloves, Beautify Bristol litter kit, event day t-shirt, instructions, locations of trash pickup areas, and safety guidelines. You are encouraged to provide your own gloves.

Ideal for civic organizations, Scout Troops, or school groups interested in volunteering or who may need community service credit.

Share your photos on social media and tag **#allheartcleanupday2025**

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO CLEAN UP
YOUR CORNER OF BRISTOL!**



2025 Bristol Youth and Prevention Leaders Awards

City of Bristol CT

Submitted On:

Mar 9, 2025, 06:54PM EDT

Double Entry	The Agape House Inc. of Bristol CT Matthew Norton
Contact Person	860-841-1719
Email	mattdnorton@gmail.com
Youth / Youth Group Name	Madison LaMarre
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	High School Sophomore
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	Cindy LaMarre
Full Address	Street Address: 301 Old Orchard Road City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Phone Number	860-620-2836
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	
Full Address	
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	Community
Period of Time	January 2024 - February 2025
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	It is with great enthusiasm that we nominate Madison LaMarre for the Youth Leader Award. As a sophomore in high school and the current Miss Bristol Teen Volunteer, Madison has demonstrated exceptional dedication to giving back to her community through her ongoing volunteer work with our nonprofit, The Agapé House Inc. of Bristol, CT. Madison's commitment to supporting those in need is truly inspiring. Throughout the year, she has spearheaded multiple drives, including those for bottled water, personal hygiene items, apparel, and shoes. Each drive she organizes is met with overwhelming success, as Madison tirelessly rallies her peers, local businesses, and community members to contribute. She ensures that the essential items collected are distributed to those who need them most, making a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals in our community. In addition to her efforts with our nonprofit, Madison has also proven herself as a compassionate and dedicated leader. As Miss Chrysanthemum 2023 and Miss Bristol Teen Volunteer, she has used

	her platform to raise awareness about the struggles faced by many in our area, advocating for the importance of giving back and making a difference. Her influence reaches beyond the drives she organizes, as she continues to inspire others to get involved and contribute to positive change. Madison's hard work, passion, and generosity have not gone unnoticed. She works tirelessly to make her community a better place, and her unwavering dedication to those in need is truly commendable. It is an honor to nominate Madison LaMarre for this well-deserved recognition.
Please attach photos of the nominee(s) to be featured during the Youth Recognition Awards ceremony in May.	Madison 1.JPG Madison 2.JPG Madison 3.JPG Madison 4.JPG Madison 5.JPG Madison 6.JPG Madison 7.JPG Madison 8.JPG Madison 9.JPG Madison 10.JPG

Youth Group Nomination List

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	
Phone Number	
Email	
Full Address	
Please provide a list of all group members below:	



2025 Bristol Youth and Prevention Leaders Awards

City of Bristol CT

Submitted On:

Apr 1, 2025, 08:07PM EDT

Double Entry	Ingraham Manor Jennifer Dufresne
Contact Person	860-519-4728
Email	jparis@bristolhospital.org
Youth / Youth Group Name	M.L.
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	Cindy LaMarre
Full Address	Street Address: 301 old orchard rd City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Phone Number	860-620-2836
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	Matt LaMarre
Full Address	Street Address: 301 old orchard rd City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	Community
Period of Time	4+ years
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	Dear Award Committee, I am honored to nominate Madison LaMarre for the youth award in recognition of her unwavering dedication and compassionate service to the residents of Ingraham Manor. Madison has been a vital part of our community for the past four to five years, selflessly volunteering her time, energy, and resources to bring joy and comfort to those in our care. Madison's generosity is evident through her year-round efforts in collecting and delivering stuffed animals, snacks, heartfelt cards, and Christmas gifts to our residents. Beyond her material contributions, she has organized and participated in special programs that uplift and engage the residents, ensuring they feel valued and loved. Her kindness is not just in what she brings but in the time she spends personally connecting with each resident, making them feel special and cared for.

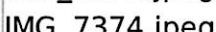
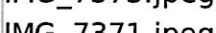
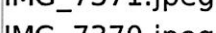
Madison has dedicated well over 100 hours to this mission, and her impact extends far beyond the tangible items she provides. She has brought warmth, companionship, and a true sense of community to Ingraham Manor. Her selfless acts of service exemplify the highest ideals of volunteerism, and we are truly grateful for the love and kindness she has shown.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly nominate Madison for this award. She is a shining example of what it means to make a difference in the lives of others, and I can think of no one more deserving of this recognition.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information regarding Madison's contributions.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Dufresne
Director of Nursing
Ingraham Manor

C/o Susan Paris
Therapeutic Rec Specialist

Please attach photos of the nominee(s) to be featured during the Youth Recognition Awards ceremony in May.	        
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Youth Group Nomination List

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	
Phone Number	
Email	
Full Address	City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Please provide a list of all group members below:	



2025 Bristol Youth and Prevention Leaders Awards

City of Bristol CT

Submitted On:

Mar 10, 2025, 08:29AM EDT

Submitted By:

Parks Dept

Double Entry	BPRYCS Raven Cody
Contact Person	8603144690
Email	ravencody@bristolct.gov
Youth / Youth Group Name	Kyra Feeney-Wallace
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	10th Grade
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	Dave Wallace & Michele Feeney-Wallace
Full Address	Street Address: 298 South St City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010-5841
Phone Number	860-995-2734
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	
Full Address	
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	School Community
Period of Time	
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	Kyra is an active member of a number of volunteer groups, including her school's Interact Club, Bristol police youth cadets, Bristol youth coalition with BEST, and Rainbow Girls (volunteer youth group out of New Britain). Kyra is committed to being a dedicated member to each of these organizations and truly goes above and beyond to support Bristol and other nearby communities! (raven can provide specific examples and photo if she is selected)

Youth Group Nomination List

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	
Phone Number	
Email	
Full Address	
Please provide a list of all	

Kyra volunteers regularly through her involvement with several different volunteer programs:

Kyra has been a 'grand representative' with 'Rainbow Girls' since 2019. Rainbow Girls does a number of fundraisers each year to raise money for different charities. Rainbow Girls also holds 2 regularly scheduled meetings per month (3 hours per month).

Volunteer activities include:

- Making and selling grinders (funds are then donated) (3 hours)
- Holding a clothing drive (5 hours)
- Selling tickets, making, and serving a 'holiday breakfast' (5 hours)
- Holding a 'paint night' to raise money to support local veterans (2 hours)
- Organizing a backpack drive for local youth in need (5 hours)
- Holding parades at local nursing homes (2 hours)
- Organizing and holding a car wash (funds are then donated) (2 hours)
- Handing out waters/showing support at 'Race-in-the-Park' (2 hours)
- As a grand representative, one of Kyra's responsibilities is to connect with other Rainbow Girls throughout the country to compare ideas and continue to grow the program. (approx.. 5 hours)

Kyra has been a member of the Bristol Police Cadets since 2023. She truly goes above and beyond to attend the weekly meetings,(4 hours per month) as well as be present and active at each event in the community These include:

- Mayor's back to school pencil hunt (3 hours)
- Plainville Hot Air Balloon Festival (3 hours)
- BOE Back to School Bash (3 hours)
- Mum Parade & Festival (5 hours)
- Haunted House at Greene-Hills (2 hours)
- Stuff-a-Cruiser (3 hours)

Kyra has also been a member of her school's InterACT Club since 2024. She has assisted at both the BBGC 5k Color Dash (3 hours) and her school's powder puff volleyball game since she got involved with the club. (2 hours)

Last, Kyra joined the BEST Youth Coalition in 2024. Kyra regularly attends and participates in the coalition's monthly meetings (1.5 hour per month) in order to support youth substance prevention in Bristol.



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City of Bristol CT

Submitted On:

Mar 8, 2025, 05:46PM EST

Double Entry	Bristol Central High School Shawn Mirmina
Contact Person	860-584-7735 x611162 860-584-7766
Email	shawnmirmina@bristolk12.org
Youth / Youth Group Name	Jackson Ray
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	Grade 11
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	Bunty and Meg Ray
Full Address	Street Address: 276 Fern Hill Rd. City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Phone Number	860-919-8120
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	N/A
Full Address	
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	School Community
Period of Time	Past calendar year
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	List off Veterans' names on Veterans Day - 2 hours Wolcott Sandlot Baseball Coach - 12 hours Sandlot Baseball Coach (Run through McCabe Waters Little League) - 24 hours Pequabuck River Duck Race - 4 hours VITA Tax Preparer (a program run through the HRA of New Britain, CT) - 28 hours in counting (still do 4 hours every Saturday) Lector at Saint Joseph Church (I read passages at the Masses) - 3 hours BAW (Baseball Association of Wolcott) Snack shack helper/cook - 5 hours 4.6862 GPA; ranked 8th in a class of 300 Jackson has continually sought up opportunities to get involved in the Bristol community, especially with our city's youth.
Please attach photos of the nominee(s) to be featured during the Youth Recognition	Jackson.jpeg

Youth Group Nomination List

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	
Phone Number	
Email	
Full Address	
Please provide a list of all group members below:	



2025 Bristol Youth and Prevention Leaders Awards

City of Bristol CT

Submitted On:

Mar 9, 2025, 08:56PM EDT

Double Entry	Bristol Central High School Shawn Mirmina
Contact Person	860-584-7735 x611162 860-584-7766
Email	shawnmirmina@bristolct12.org
Youth / Youth Group Name	Ameilia Brown
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	Grade 11
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	Nackeshia and Rhoan Brown
Full Address	Street Address: 35 Jamaica Street City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Phone Number	860-478-8913
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	
Full Address	
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	School Community
Period of Time	Past calendar year
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	InterAct: Walk to End Alzheimer's 2023 - Volunteer - 6 hours (1 day event) Walk to End Alzheimer's 2024 - Volunteer - 6 hours (1 day event) Bristol Mum-A-Thon 5K Road Race 2024 - Volunteer - 4 hours (1 day event) Imagine Nation Birthday Bash 2024 - Volunteer - 3 hours (1 day event) Thanksgiving Baskets 2024 - Volunteer - 2 hours - (1 day event) St. Patrick's Day Senior Dinner - Volunteer - 3 hours - (1 day event) (I am doing this this wednesday) Extracurricular: Bristol Central Dance Team 2023 - Choreographer - 6 hours (2 days /week/school year) Bristol Central Dance Team 2024 - Choreographer - 6 hours (2 days /week/school year) Bristol Central Dance Team 2025 - Choreographer - 3 hours (1 day/week/school year) Student Council - Secretary - 35 hours (1 hour/week/school year) Community:

Bristol Hospital 2025 - Reception Intern - 16 hours (2 days/week/school year)
 Food serving at Royal House Victory Center (2024-current) - 10 hours total (2 hours/week/year)
 Royal House Victory Center;Ministry Dance (2024 - current) - Dancer - (8 hours/week/year)

Clubs:

Secretary of InterAct 2024 - 20 minutes (Monday/week/school year)
 Secretary of Class of 2026 (2024-current)
 Culture Club 2024 - President - 1 hour (Thursday/week/month)
 Mamma Mia Musical (January 17th 2024 - current) - casted as Ali - 4 hours (Every Monday/Thursday/Friday/week/school year)

She is always looking for experiences and opportunities to get involved and to explore her interests. She is a member of Bristol Central's Dance Team and is also involved in dance outside of school at the Royal Dancers of Royal House Chapel Victory Center. She participated in the BrainDance Mental Health Competition in 2024, as well as the Walk to End Alzheimer's Central CT event. Ameilia is one of two Board of Education Student Representatives in our school district, a highly coveted position that she truly earned. She attends and sits in on all regular meetings of the Board of Education and meets regularly with our high school administration to gather input and information to prepare for the meetings. She has also found the time to volunteer countless hours in the Bristol community. She is a member of our Student Council and has helped organize our school's Culture Night these past two years. She has talked about pursuing a college major in Psychology after high school and she just recently discussed the idea of starting a Mental Health Awareness Club at BCHS.

Please attach photos of the nominee(s) to be featured during the Youth Recognition Awards ceremony in May.	Brown, A.jpeg
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Youth Group Nomination List

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	
Phone Number	
Email	
Full Address	
Please provide a list of all group members below:	



2025 Bristol Youth and Prevention Leaders Awards

City of Bristol CT

Submitted On:

Mar 12, 2025, 07:03PM EDT

Double Entry	Nutmeg Performing Arts Center Elizabeth Blauvelt
Contact Person	8602129636
Email	mlpkitti@gmail.com
Youth / Youth Group Name	Kyla McQuiggan - Junior Miss Chrysanthemum 2024
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	11 / 6th grade
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	Marlo McQuiggan
Full Address	Street Address: 198 Maple Ave City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Phone Number	8603063497
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	Brett McQuiggan
Full Address	Street Address: 198 Maple Ave City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	School Service Agency Community
Period of Time	March 1, 2024 to February 29, 2025
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	To the Bristol Youth and Prevention Leader Award Committee, I am writing to nominate KM for the prestigious Bristol Youth and Prevention Leader Award. KM has demonstrated exceptional service to her community through her extensive volunteer work, leadership, and dedication to making a positive impact. Since a young age, KM has been committed to giving back, and her actions reflect a deep-rooted passion for improving the lives of those around her. Starting March 2024, KM has volunteered both independently and through several prominent organizations, including the Miss Connecticut organization as a Little Sister, the Bristol Miss Chrysanthemum organization where she currently serves as the Junior representative, the Bristol Kids in the Middle organization and as an assistant teacher at Nutmeg Performing Arts Center. Each of these roles has allowed her to touch the lives of many, particularly youth in her community, while also fostering leadership, responsibility, and service in herself. Through her involvement in these organizations, KM has shown a

true understanding of the power of service. As an assistant dance teacher, she has mentored younger dancers, helping them develop self-confidence and a sense of belonging. As the Junior representative for the Bristol Miss Chrysanthemum organization, KM has taken on a leadership role, inspiring other young people with her dedication and work ethic. Her involvement with the Bristol Kids in the Middle organization has allowed her to contribute directly to supporting local senior living care facilities enriching the lives of those residents.

KM's commitment to community service goes beyond her volunteer hours; she lives her life with the intention of being a positive role model for others, especially her peers. She understands the importance of inspiring other youth to be active and engaged in their communities, and she actively encourages her peers to do the same. KM is not just a participant in her community's activities—she is a catalyst for positive change, working to make Bristol a better place for everyone.

She exemplifies the qualities that this award seeks to honor: dedication, compassion, and a genuine desire to improve the lives of others. Her work is not just a collection of volunteer hours, but a true reflection of her character and commitment to making her community a better place.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly recommend Km for the Bristol Youth and Prevention Leader Award. She has demonstrated exceptional service to her community and continues to inspire others through her actions. Her work and attitude exemplify the spirit of this award, and she is a deserving candidate for this recognition.

KM has a Facebook page dedicated to her volunteerism at Kyla Chrysanthemum.

Please see the below and attached for a detailed listing of her volunteer activities and hours.

Activity Date Hours:

Nutmeg Assistance Dance Teacher Wednesday's 20

Mum Festival - Junior Miss Mum 9/28/24 5

Bristol Farmers Market 10/23/24 2

Halloween Spooktacular 10/26/24 3

Mum A Thon 10/27/24 3

BBGC Trunk or Treat 10/30/24 1

Thanksgiving Food Drive 11/1-11/15 3

Thanksgiving Food Drive 11/17/24 4

Salvation Army Food Drop Off 11/20/24 0.5

Holiday Toy & Coat Drive 11/18-12/12 3

Frosty Falcon 5K 12/7/2024 4

Salvation Army Angel Tree 12/16/2024 1

Santa Walking Wonderland 12/20/2024 3

Bristol Carol Sing 12/22/24 2

Countryside Manor Homecoming 11/20/24 2

KC101 Stuff a bus Thanksgiving Drive 11/23/24 2

Valentines Day Cards - Senior Center 2/1/25 1

	BPS Community Closet Collection 12/2025 1 Brian's Angels Christmas Meal 12/19/2024 0.5 BPS Community Closet Collection 11/2025 1 Alzheimer's Walk 10/19/2024 2 Brian's Angels Donations 10/13/2024 0.5 Gillian's Autism Walk 10/12/2024 2 Wblcott Special Olympics Volunteer 10/21/2024 3 BBGC Color Run Volunteer 9/7/2024 1 Rockwell Summerfest Participant 8/17/2024 3 Vernon Night Out 8/6/2024 2 Read Across America Stafford School 3/1/2024 1
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Youth Group Nomination List

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	
Phone Number	
Email	
Full Address	
Please provide a list of all group members below:	



2025 Bristol Youth and Prevention Leaders Awards

City of Bristol CT

Submitted On:

Mar 14, 2025, 01:21PM EDT

Double Entry	Bristol Central High School Kelly A. Monahan-DiNoia
Contact Person	8605847735 ext 611029
Email	kellymonahan-dinoia@bristolk12.org
Youth / Youth Group Name	BCHS InterAct club co-presidents Samera, Lissette, and Grace
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	high school
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	Sreylla Ouk for Samera, Amin and Glendy Castillo for Lissette, Anthony and Caterina Mazzone for Grace
Full Address	Street Address: 148 South Street (Samera), 39 Divinity Street (Lissette), 44 Putnam Street (Grace) phone numbers: 774-219-2004 (Samera mom), 860-922-6494 (Lissette mom) 860-516-4930 (Grace mom) City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Phone Number	000-000-0000
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	
Full Address	
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	School Community
Period of Time	one year- March, 2024-February, 2025
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	Nominee(s): Three Co-Presidents: Samera Alyosfi, Lissette Castillo, and Grace Mazzone School: Bristol Central High School (BCHS) Position: Co-Presidents, InterAct Club (Junior Division of Rotary International) Years of Involvement in InterAct Club: 4 years (Active Members for Four Years, Vice-Presidents in Junior Year, Co-Presidents in Senior Year) InterAct club Advisors Kelly Monahan-DiNoia and Sarah Molloy proudly nominate Samera, Lissette, and Grace for their exceptional leadership, dedication, and service as Co-Presidents of the InterAct Club at Bristol Central High School. Their collective efforts have significantly contributed to the success of this 100+ member

organization, the largest club at BCHS. Each girl's hours of service far surpass the 100 hour requirement for nomination. I mention just a few below.

Leadership and Contributions:

As Co-Presidents, these three outstanding students collaborate to set the agenda and lead every weekly after-school meeting. Their commitment extends beyond meetings—they meticulously plan, organize, publicize, create decorations and promotional materials for, participate in, and supervise every single volunteer activity the club undertakes.

Volunteer Activities Led in the Past Year, hours are accurate for EACH GIRL:

March 2024: Powder Puff Volleyball Games Fundraiser benefiting the Tommy Fund for Connecticut children undergoing cancer treatment at Yale New Haven Hospital. 20 hours

April 2024: Easter/Spring dinner for Bristol senior citizens. 4 hours

May 2024: Tag Sale assistance for Bristol senior citizens. 3 hours

June 2024: Challenger Fun Day at the Giamatti Little League Baseball fields, supporting children with special needs. 6 hours

September 2024: BBGC Color Dash—assisting with children's games, races, and bounce houses. 6 hours

October 2024: Halloween dinner with Bristol senior citizens. 4 hours
Bristol Mum-a-thon road race. Registered runners, handed out water bottles, oranges, and (at the end of the race) donuts! 4 hours
Walk to End Alzheimers at Rockwell Park. Arrived before sunrise to set up the tents, mark the course with signs, assemble flowers, help the dj set up. After sunrise, welcomed the walkers, handed out prizes and goodies, and assisted the CT Alzheimers team with all requests
6 hours

November 2024: Thanksgiving dinner with Bristol senior citizens. Organized and decorated meal deliveries for families in need, ensuring every meal was beautifully presented and complete. 5 hours

Coordinated the Powder Puff Football Fundraiser to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

25+ hours

Thanksgiving dinner with Bristol senior citizens 4 hours

Imagine-Nation Birthday Bash-ran arts/crafts/game booths for children 3 hours

December 2024: Organizing and collecting holiday gifts for Bristol families in need 6 hours

Holiday dinner with Bristol senior citizens 4 hours

Gingerbread house decorating with Bristol senior citizens 4 hours

February 2025:

Valentines Day dinner with Bristol senior citizens 4 hours

Impact:

Their leadership has strengthened the InterAct Club's impact on the Bristol community, inspiring peers to engage in meaningful service projects. Their organizational skills, teamwork, and dedication have ensured that every event runs smoothly, fostering a sense of community and service among BCHS students.

Conclusion:

Samera, Lissette, and Grace exemplify the values of BCHS and of Rotary International through their selflessness, initiative, and outstanding leadership. Their unwavering commitment to service and ability to inspire others make them truly deserving of this recognition. We enthusiastically recommend them for this recognition.

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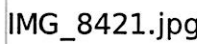
City of Bristol CT

Submitted On:

Mar 17, 2025, 02:19PM EDT

Double Entry	BCHS InterAct Club Sarah Molloy
Contact Person	
Email	sarahmolloy@bristolct12.org
Youth / Youth Group Name	InterAct club co-presidents Samera, Lissette, and Grace
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	high school
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	Sreylla Ouk for Samera, Amin and Glendy Castillo for Lissette, Anthony and Caterina Mazzone for Grace
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Period of Time	one year- March, 2024-February, 2025
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	Nominee(s): Three Co-Presidents: Samera Alyosfi, Lissette Castillo, and Grace Mazzone School: Bristol Central High School (BCHS) Position: Co-Presidents, InterAct Club (Junior Division of Rotary International) Years of Involvement in InterAct Club: 4 years (Active Members for Four Years, Vice-Presidents in Junior Year, Co-Presidents in Senior Year) InterAct club Advisors Kelly Monahan-DiNoia and Sarah Molloy proudly nominate Samera, Lissette, and Grace for their exceptional leadership, dedication, and service as Co-Presidents of the InterAct Club at Bristol Central High School. Their collective efforts have significantly contributed to the success of this 100+ member organization, the largest club at BCBS. Each girl's hours of service far surpass the 100 hour requirement for nomination. I mention just a few below. Leadership and Contributions: As Co-Presidents, these three outstanding students collaborate to set the agenda and lead every weekly after-school

meeting. Their commitment extends beyond meetings—they meticulously plan, organize, publicize, create decorations and promotional materials for, participate in, and supervise every single volunteer activity the club undertakes. Volunteer Activities Led in the Past Year, hours are accurate for EACH GIRL: March 2024: Powder Puff Volleyball Games Fundraiser benefiting the Tommy Fund for Connecticut children undergoing cancer treatment at Yale New Haven Hospital. 20 hours April 2024: Easter/Spring dinner for Bristol senior citizens. 4 hours May 2024: Tag Sale assistance for Bristol senior citizens. 3 hours June 2024: Challenger Fun Day at the Giamatti Little League Baseball fields, supporting children with special needs. 6 hours September 2024: BBGC Color Dash—assisting with children’s games, races, and bounce houses. 6 hours October 2024: Halloween dinner with Bristol senior citizens. 4 hours Bristol Mum-a-thon road race. Registered runners, handed out water bottles, oranges, and (at the end of the race) donuts! 4 hours Walk to End Alzheimers at Rockwell Park. Arrived before sunrise to set up the tents, mark the course with signs, assemble flowers, help the dj set up. After sunrise, welcomed the walkers, handed out prizes and goodies, and assisted the CT Alzheimers team with all requests 6 hours November 2024: Thanksgiving dinner with Bristol senior citizens. Organized and decorated meal deliveries for families in need, ensuring every meal was beautifully presented and complete. 5 hours Coordinated the Powder Puff Football Fundraiser to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation. 25+ hours Thanksgiving dinner with Bristol senior citizens 4 hours Imagine-Nation Birthday Bash-ran arts/crafts/game booths for children 3 hours December 2024: Organizing and collecting holiday gifts for Bristol families in need 6 hours Holiday dinner with Bristol senior citizens 4 hours Gingerbread house decorating with Bristol senior citizens 4 hours February 2025: Valentines Day dinner with Bristol senior citizens 4 hours Impact: Their leadership has strengthened the InterAct Club’s impact on the Bristol community, inspiring peers to engage in meaningful service projects. Their organizational skills, teamwork, and dedication have ensured that every event runs smoothly, fostering a sense of community and service among BCHS students. Conclusion: Samera, Lissette, and Grace exemplify the values of BCHS and of Rotary International through their selflessness, initiative, and outstanding leadership. Their unwavering commitment to service and ability to inspire others make them truly deserving of this recognition. We enthusiastically recommend them for this recognition.

Please attach photos of the nominee(s) to be featured during the Youth Recognition Awards ceremony in May.	
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Youth Group Nomination List

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	
Phone Number	
Email	
Full Address	
Please provide a list of all group members below:	



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Submitted On:

Mar 26, 2025, 10:33PM EDT

Double Entry	Central Connecticut Kidz Community Service Group Karen Gozzo-Saucier
Contact Person	(860)302-9216 NA
Email	Centralctkidz@gmail.com
Youth / Youth Group Name	M H - Maci Hopkins
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	9 years old
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	Crystal Hopkins
Full Address	Street Address: 163 East Road City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Phone Number	860-372-2655
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	Donald Hopkins
Full Address	Street Address: 163 East Road City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	Service Agency Community
Period of Time	3/1/24-2/28/25
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	M. H. is a 9 year old student at Southside School in Bristol. She is a smart, confident, and friendly young girl who makes friends wherever she goes. She has an amazing work ethic for someone so young and strives for perfection in her everyday life from her schoolwork to her extra curricular activities. Her art work has appeared at the Board of Education Art Show in Spring 2024 and she is a June 2024 recipient of the Magnificent Manners Award. M. H. is a member of Future Champions Gymnastics Team competing at the Silver Level. She can engage in conversation with people of all ages which is important while volunteering because you are interacting with strangers much of the time. She is a go getter and continuously works to learn more and improve her ability to handle new situations during volunteering. She is a former Little Miss Chrysanthemum. She has held holiday

Bottle and Toy Drives for several years now which allowed her to give hundreds of toys to those in need in the Bristol area. M. H. is a member of Central Connecticut Kidz Community Service Group where she earned a SILVER Presidential Volunteer Service Medal in October 2024.

She currently holds the title of Bristol's Sweetheart 2025. For the time period of March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025 M. H. has completed more than 60 volunteer hours to the greater Bristol community. Volunteerism is a way of life for M. H. as she says "I want to help people in need and make people smile, it makes me feel good!" She is a very special little girl worthy of this award. Thank you for your consideration.

Youth Group Nomination List

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	
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Full Address	
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Date	Service Description	Hours
3/5/24	Soldier Care Packages for deployed Military for the American Legion	2.5
4/5/24	Colored in "Positive Sayings" pictures for sandwich bags for sandwiches made for Bristol's Homeless	1
6/12/24	Pasta Wednesday- Elks for Southington Community Services-serve dessert, clear plates, clean up	3
6/15/24	Making sandwiches for Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach	1.5
7/7/24	Can and Bottle Drive for Southington Community Services	4
6/19/24	Pasta Wednesday- Elks for Southington Community Services-serve dessert, clear plates, clean up	3
7/24/24	Pasta Wednesday- Elks for Southington Community Services-serve dessert, clear plates, clean up	3
7/31/24	Pasta Wednesday-Southington Elks for Southington Community Services	3
8/3/24	Backflips for Backpacks for SCS Collected school supplies	4
8/8/24	Making sandwiches for Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach	1.5
8/22/24	Mayor's Pencil Hunt-set up/clean up at CTCTKIDZ table handing out school supplies	2
8/28/24	Pasta Wednesday-Southington Elks for Southington Community Services	3
9/22/24	Bowling Fundraiser for Southington Community Services Adopted Families	1
10/8/24	Colored in "Positive Sayings" pictures to be taped on sandwich bags for Bristol's Homeless	2
11/3/24	Holiday Tag Sale - Clean Up proceeds for Veteran's Appreciation Dinner	1
11/9/24	Shopped for Southington Community Services adopted families	4
11/12/24	Making sandwiches for Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach	1.5
11/23/24	Connecticut Foodshare KC101 Stuff A Bus	5
11/29/24	Bell Ringing for Salvation Army (outdoors)	5
11-12/24	Bottle/Can Drive, Toy Drive. 230 Toys delivered to Bristol Police Department	6
12/13/24	Toys for Tots Shopping	3
12/26/24	shopped for pet supplies and delivered to Meriden Humane Society	2.5
12/27/24	Making sandwiches for Brian's Angels Homeless Outreach	1.5
1/26/25	Made Thank You for your Service Cards for a Veteran's Dinner	1
1/27/25	Shopping for Cancer Care Kits	0.5



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Double Entry	Kids in the Middle Amy Campisano
Contact Person	860-884-3459
Email	amycampisano@bristolct12.org
Youth / Youth Group Name	Loren Gonzalez
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	7th Grade Chippens Hill Middle School
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	Kara Gonzalez
Full Address	Street Address: 30 Oaken Road City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Phone Number	8605847815
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	
Full Address	
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	School Service Agency Community
Period of Time	March 2024- February 2025
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	2025 Individual Youth Leadership Award Nomination L.G. 7TH GRADER CHIPPENS HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL It is an honor to nominate LG for recognition as an outstanding student who has demonstrated passionate efforts in supporting both her school and city communities. LG is a young lady who is genuinely compassionate & kind to others. She leads by example and interacts with her peers in a manner that motivates and encourages them to strive to do better. LG is a leader who has touched the lives of many through her active participation and dedication to the Kids in the Middle Program. She has participated in numerous community events designed to promote the concept of rising by lifting others, including volunteer service for Bristol Veterans, Bristol Park & Recreation, Countryside & Ingraham Manor, the Bristol Public Library, the Ed Beardsley Challenger Discovery Program and many, many more. LG is a role

model in and out of the classroom, as well as on and off the track and in the pool. She successfully balances academics and sports and manages to save time to give back. According to Social Studies Teacher Joseph Grabowski, at Chippens Hill Middle School, LG “is a hard working student who has been named the C.A.R.E.S Champion because of her selflessness to others. Loren is the kind of student who is quick to help classmates and makes everyone feel included. Our classrooms are a better place because of her. She brings kindness into her interactions everyday.” Math Coordinator, Courtney Mullaney describes LG as “exceptional. She is a student whose presence motivates her peers to corporate, encourage and respectfully challenge each other.” In speaking with many of her academic team leaders, LG is best described as a “model citizen”, “ideal student” and “a student with a positive attitude”. Andrew Maust, Music Director for CHMS describes LG as, “the epitome of a hard worker.” Her volunteer efforts with Unified Sports, peer mediation and various extracurriculars have enhanced her school community. Besides academic strength and being a member of the gifted program, LG is also a dedicated athlete who is captain of her cross country team, has won city championships, placed 16th in the state and has made all stars for swim 3 years consecutively.

Added to her list of accolades is the honor of being a published author. LG’s stirring novel, Together Forever unfolds the raw realities and endearing moments of a young girl's life, weaving a touching tale of endurance and strength. Guided by the beacon of kindness, this heartwarming story inspires its readers to embrace diversity and to extend a hand of friendship to all, regardless of their differences. It is a wonderful read that shows the power of determination, the importance of acceptance and the absolute beauty of unwavering friendship.

LG has an eagerness to learn and serve that set her apart and make her so deserving of this recognition. LG is an inspiration to others and a volunteer that is truly all heart. I am proud to volunteer beside her and nominate her today for this leadership honor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Youth Group Nomination List

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	
Phone Number	
Email	

Full Address	
Please provide a list of all group members below:	



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Double Entry	Kids in the Middle Amy Campisano
Contact Person	860-884-3459
Email	amycampisano@bristolk12.org
Youth / Youth Group Name	KIDS IN THE MIDDLE
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	6-8TH GRADE & HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	
Full Address	
Phone Number	
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	
Full Address	
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	School Service Agency Community
Period of Time	March 2024- February 2025
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	2025 YOUTH GROUP LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINATION KIDS IN THE MIDDLE CHIPPENS HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST BRISTOL MIDDLE SCHOOL BRISTOL EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI BRISTOL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL SOUTHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI It is with great pleasure and honor that I nominate the Kids in the Middle Program (K.I.M.) for Youth Service Recognition. Kids in the Middle Students from Chippens Hill Middle School, West Bristol School & and KIM Alumni from Bristol Eastern High School, Bristol Central High School & Southington High School have demonstrated outstanding efforts in providing support to both their schools & Bristol Community. Our students are a true testament to the power of kindness. These students are an inspiration to other students and role models for the Bristol Community as a whole. K.I.M. Students have participated in a variety of community activities designed to promote the concept of rising by lifting others. During

the time frame of March 2024 - February 2025, the Kids in the Middle program has assisted with numerous community events within Bristol. Students have supported the Bristol Public Library, Bristol Veterans Council, Ed Beardsley Challengers Program, Ingraham Manor, Countryside Manor, Brian's Angels, Giamatti Little League & the United Way of West Central Connecticut.

Countryside Manor and the residents it housed, will always hold a special place in the lives of many KIM Students. Regularly, we have attended bingo & craft nights with the residents. We were fortunate to celebrate and participate in their homecoming this year. Staff and students have been saddened by the doors closing on our time at Countryside Manor, but the smiles and warmth of those nights together will always be cherished memories.

Over the course of the past year, Kids in the Middle Students have made several new connections with the residents housed in Ingraham Manor. We recently made Valentine's Gingerbread Houses and various St. Patrick's Day Crafts together. It is heartwarming to see these relationships forming and both residents and students look forward to our monthly bingo nights.

Several of our KIM Students had the opportunity to participate in the Ed Beardsley Challengers Basketball & Baseball Program and assist both students & adults with special needs. They met weekly from April 2024 - June 2024 & September 2024 - December 2024 to serve as buddies to a "Challenger". It was wonderful to see our students foster new connections and pick right back up with the old. Some of these students have been building friendships for over 6 years now. Throughout the Challenger Season, our KIM Students always display commitment, patience & kindness. They are greatly looking forward to mid April when we will rejoin them again to volunteer for the Challengers Baseball Program.

Several K.I.M. Students, along with their friends and family members participated in our annual flag replacement at West Cemetery. Last year we replaced 1,600 flags in honor & memory of our veterans. What a beautiful day of family engagement.

Last year was our program's first opportunity to assist Brian's Angels. Several students met at the Bristol Public Library to make sandwiches to be served for lunch. They assembled PB&J's, attached cheerful messages and learned about the impact of Brian's Angels on our Bristol Community.

Our good deeds not only extend to our Bristol Community, they impact our own Bristol School Community. KIM Students often serve in the capacity of guides during conferences & open houses, man fundraising & informational tables and assist administration &

myself with a variety of in-house service projects. They are an absolute asset to our school community, as they promote behaviors that encourage positive growth & the desire to be part of something bigger than themselves.

Thank you again for the opportunity to nominate our program. The Kids in the Middle Program provides our youth with an opportunity to connect with peers, while making a difference volunteering throughout the Bristol Community and within their own school community. I am inspired by my K.I.M. students everyday and so proud of their motivation to be the good in the world. Despite the full schedules they juggle, they remain constant in their desire to give back. They take pride in their good works and they truly are all "Volunteers with Heart". Their positive energy is indeed felt community wide and their warmth is contagious. Kids in the Middle Students stand tall, as the leaders of tomorrow and the hope for our future.

MARCH 2024 - FEBRUARY 2025

SCHOOL HOURS: 24 HOURS
CHIPPENS HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEST BRISTOL SCHOOL
SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL
PTO/FRC SERVICES

SERVICE AGENCY HOURS: 22 HOURS
BRISTOL PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRIPLE P PROGRAM
VETERANS AFFAIRS

COMMUNITY HOURS: 57 HOURS
COUNTRYSIDE MANOR
INGRAHAM MANOR
BRIAN'S ANGELS
ED BEARDSLEY CHALLENGERS PROGRAM
SHEPARD MEADOWS

TOTAL HOURS: 103 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	AMY CAMPISANO
Phone Number	860-884-3459
Email	amycampisano@bristolk12.org
Full Address	Street Address: 96 Wildewood Run City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Please provide a list of all group members below:	Active KIDS IN THE MIDDLE STUDENTS CHIPPENS HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL EMILY ALBERT HADLEY CHASSE JAY DOMINQUEZ MACI DUCHEMIN DAKOTA GREEN LOREN GONZALEZ TRE INGRAM MACKENZIE KISH AIDEN LINSAY CADEE MARTIN KYLA MCQUIGGAN OLIVIA MULCUNRY JAZLYN PRESSLEY JACK ROSENTHAL SOPHIA SHELLEY MACKENZIE SLEDZIONA LUCY SMITH AZLEIGH THERIAULT MAKINNLEY WHITLOCK AVA WJDAN WEST BRISTOL SCHOOL RYLEE MCGRANE ELIZA MEYERS AVA PIOTROWSKI RYLEE SAHLIN ARMANI TORRES GABRIELLA WALSH BRISTOL EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL SHAWN D GONZALEZ AVERY HULTSLANDER BRISTOL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GIANNA FERRUCCI

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Mar 12, 2025, 01:11PM EDT

Double Entry	Mountain View School Kathryn Krawiec
Contact Person	8605847726
Email	Kathrynkrawiec@bristolk12.org
Youth / Youth Group Name	Mountain View School Kindness Club
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	grades 3-5
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	Bevin Parent
Full Address	Street Address: 71 Vera Rd., Bristol, CT 06010 City: Bristol, State: CT Zip: 06010
Phone Number	8605847726
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	
Full Address	Street Address: 71 Vera Rd., Bristol, CT 06010 City: Bristol, State: CT Zip: 06010
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	School Community
Period of Time	September 2024 to present
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	I am nominating the Mountain View Elementary School Kindness Club that is facilitated by our third grade teacher extraordinaire, Bevin Parent. This club meets weekly afterschool and has helped our own community as well many others. The list is as follows: - Created bracelets to sell for CCMC raising \$280.00 - Created bandanas for ARF for animals to wear to increase probability of adoption - Created calming manipulatives for students at MTV - Created meals for the meal train through Brian's Angels. This was done 5 separate times! - Completed a toy drive to benefit the United Way - Hosted a Teacher's Chart during Teacher Appreciation Week to serve all staff coffee and snacks - Created stress bottles for our students in the EXCEL Program - Made blankets for the Linus Project for children with terminal illness

	Created and hung posters throughout the MTV School fostering positive self esteem Created kindness rocks that were given to MTV students and also planted within the MTV gardens Currently the club has 20 hours of work however, there are 8 more after school meetings that will be held.
Please attach photos of the nominee(s) to be featured during the Youth Recognition Awards ceremony in May.	kindness club.PNG

Youth Group Nomination List

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	Bevin Parent
Phone Number	8605847726
Email	Kathrynkwawiec@bristol12.org
Full Address	Street Address: 71 Vera Rd., Bristol, CT 06010 City: Bristol, State: CT Zip: 06010
Please provide a list of all group members below:	A'mani Correa Aadharsha Kisokanth Abigail Gonzalez Adam Abdelmawla Adrienne Middleton Aksel Kacimi Alec Samela Aliannah Rivera Alyza Gonzalez Amiyah Wilson Archie Aubrey Ariana Valentin Arryn Fitzpatrick Arwa Qsaib Aubrie Romero Ava Lefurgey Avery Root Benicio Videla Brimlee Griffith Camden Floyd Cora Giuggio Devin Leclair-Najar Elienaiis Delgado Gemma Derench Gianna Brown

Hope Allison
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lyana Wilson
Kaleesa Davis
Laila Kowalczyk
Leah Giuggio
Lexi Gaudet
Lilly Barganier
Lily Molinsky
Madison Britt
Maja Milezarek
Mason O'Donnell
Melany Santos Santos
Melis Hamolli
Mia Sy
Morgan Colli
Nathaly Vicente
Nayeli Pineda-Arroyo
Nik Shackford
Nylah Cole
Oliver Keo
Paige Lemoine
Sarah Castillo



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Submitted On:

Mar 27, 2025, 04:00PM EDT

Double Entry	Bristol Eastern High School Zoe Mendal
Contact Person	(860) 584-7876 ex. 621126
Email	zoemendal@bristolk12.org
Youth / Youth Group Name	Bristol Eastern High School Mental Health Advocates Club
Age or Grade Range (for groups)	9-12 grade
Resident Parent / Guardian Name (First and last name)	
Full Address	Street Address: 632 King Street City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Phone Number	(860) 584-7876
Other/Custodial Parent (first and last name)	
Full Address	Street Address: 632 King Street City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Categories of Service (Select all that apply):	School Community
Period of Time	September 2024 to present
Describe special contributions, self-improvement, internal personal growth, academic efforts, and contributions to their school, neighborhoods, and community.	The Mental Health Advocates Club (MHAC) is wholeheartedly committed to promoting mental health and well-being within our school community at Bristol Eastern High School. Last year the club came up with the great idea of hosting a "coping skills convention" at school. The good intentions were there, but the execution was a bit clumsy and fell somewhat short of the mark. It was, however, a great starting point and lit the fire that has been fueling the MHAC this entire school year. This year, the students of MHAC regrouped, learned from their previous errors and improved upon last year's bright spots to put together what ultimately became Mental Health Exploration Day at BEHS: a groundbreaking event that was almost entirely student-driven and an overwhelming success in raising awareness and providing resources for mental wellness. The students demonstrated remarkable leadership, initiative, and creativity throughout the planning process from start to finish. They reached out to community partners (including Bristol Eliminating

Substance Use Together [BEST], Creative Jam Art Co., the Bristol Police and Fire departments, QPlus and PFLAG Hartford, the Manross Library, Shepard Meadows, and more) and carefully selected activities that would resonate most with their peers such as exercising with the BPD in the weight room, building with legos, making friendship bracelets and vision boards, writing affirmations and encouragement notes to themselves on mirrors, and "trashing" their insecurities---they even constructed an entire indoor blackboard surface so students could make chalk drawings on the gymnasium floor. They also reached out to building staff to lead smaller specialty breakout sessions that students could sign up to participate in during the event: yoga, cozy quiet reading in the library, mindfulness/meditation, creative writing, rapping/freestyling, art therapy, and improv/theater games. I was impressed by their organization and cooperation, especially in how effectively they kept track of all logistical tasks by creating and diligently updating a detailed spreadsheets to track contact information, required materials, gym setup, etc. Their goal was to make sure Mental Health Exploration Day was set up and and run safely and efficiently, and that it was as engaging and meaningful as possible for a diverse student body---and I think that's exactly what they did.

Not only were students responsible for organizing an event that included a wide range of community and school leadership-sponsored booths in the gym and numerous breakout session workshops elsewhere in the building, but the student body was also treated to speaker/performer Mykee Fowlin and his message of self-acceptance and celebrating differences. Mykee's appearance at BEHS was made possible by the generosity and cooperation of BEST, a partnership which was in turn made possible by one of the MHAC's founding students Scarlett Fulton.

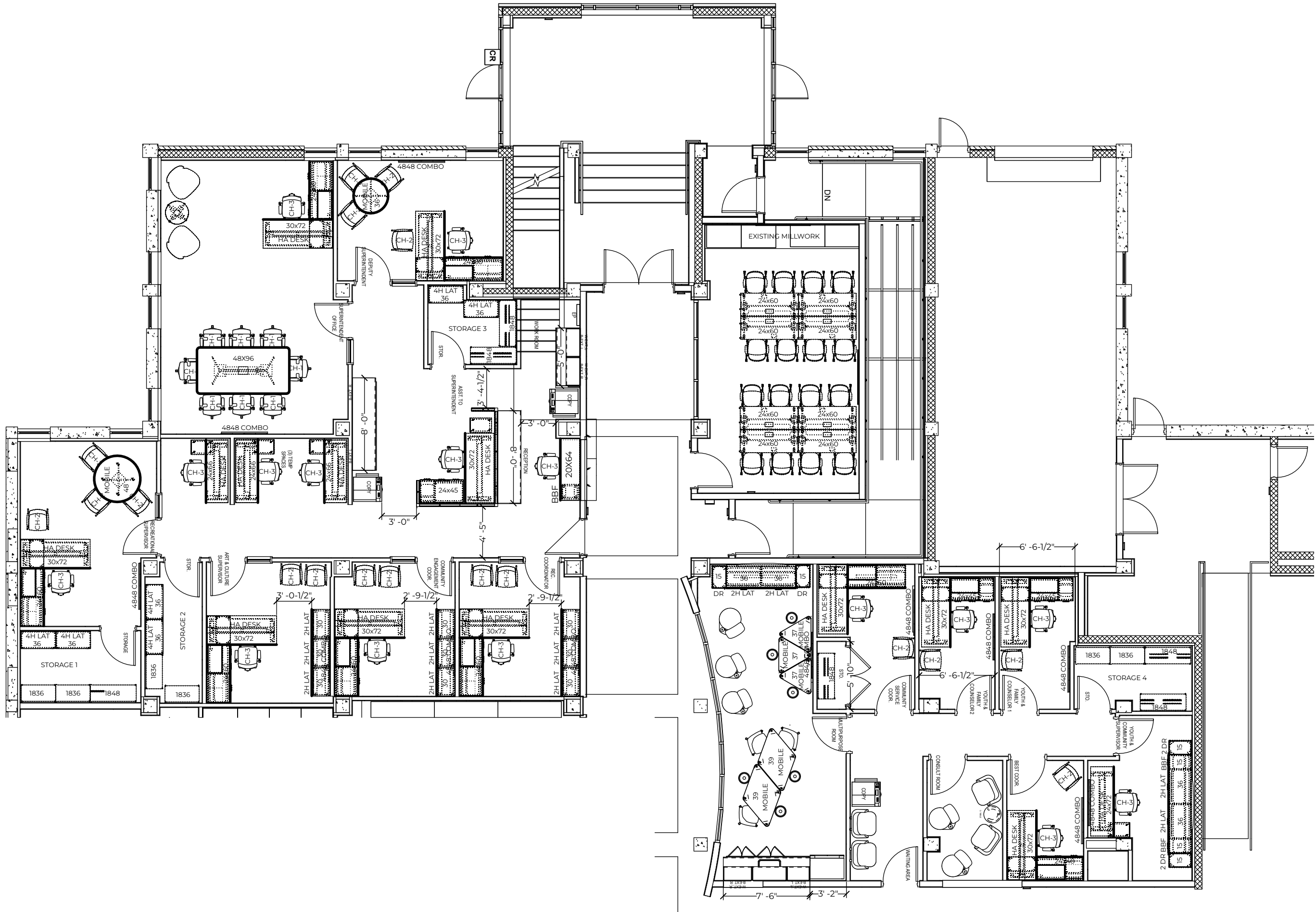
On the day of the event, the students didn't just set up and hope for the best—they were fully immersed in it. They contributed hours of their time to setup and cleanup, but also made sure that every booth and activity had MHAC or relevant community representatives to provide support, engage with their peers, and answer questions. Their commitment to being actively involved in every step of the event demonstrated their deep sense of responsibility and passion for creating a supportive environment for their fellow students.

But what truly sets this group apart is their dedication to continuous improvement. Following the event, the students took time to debrief, discussing both the successes and challenges they encountered. They drafted thank-you and feedback-request emails to the BEHS staff and our community partners, and are working on a form to gather feedback from their peers so that they can use these insights to brainstorm ways to improve the event for next year. This reflective process showcases their maturity and drive to make each

subsequent iteration of Mental Health Exploration Day even better than the last. I am so impressed by their genuine enthusiasm and commitment to the social-emotional health of their school community, and by their willingness to listen, learn, cooperate, and adapt. The students of MHAC are clearly committed to fostering an open, inclusive, and supportive environment around mental health. They've proven themselves to be proactive leaders who not only organized and executed a powerful event but also reflect critically on their work to ensure its future success.

Youth Group Nomination List

Group Leader - Name (First and Last)	Zoe Mendal
Phone Number	(860) 584-7876
Email	zoemendal@bristol12.org
Full Address	Street Address: 632 King Street City: Bristol State: CT Zip: 06010
Please provide a list of all group members below:	Scarlett Fulton Samson Blum Eric DeNoto Gabriel Harmon Alexander Huntley Naureen Kabir Avery Nye Sophia Palaia Zoey Rupert Antonieta Vastola Jean Zendel Yema



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280 Summer Street
Lobby Level

Hartford
225 Asylum Street
Suite 1530

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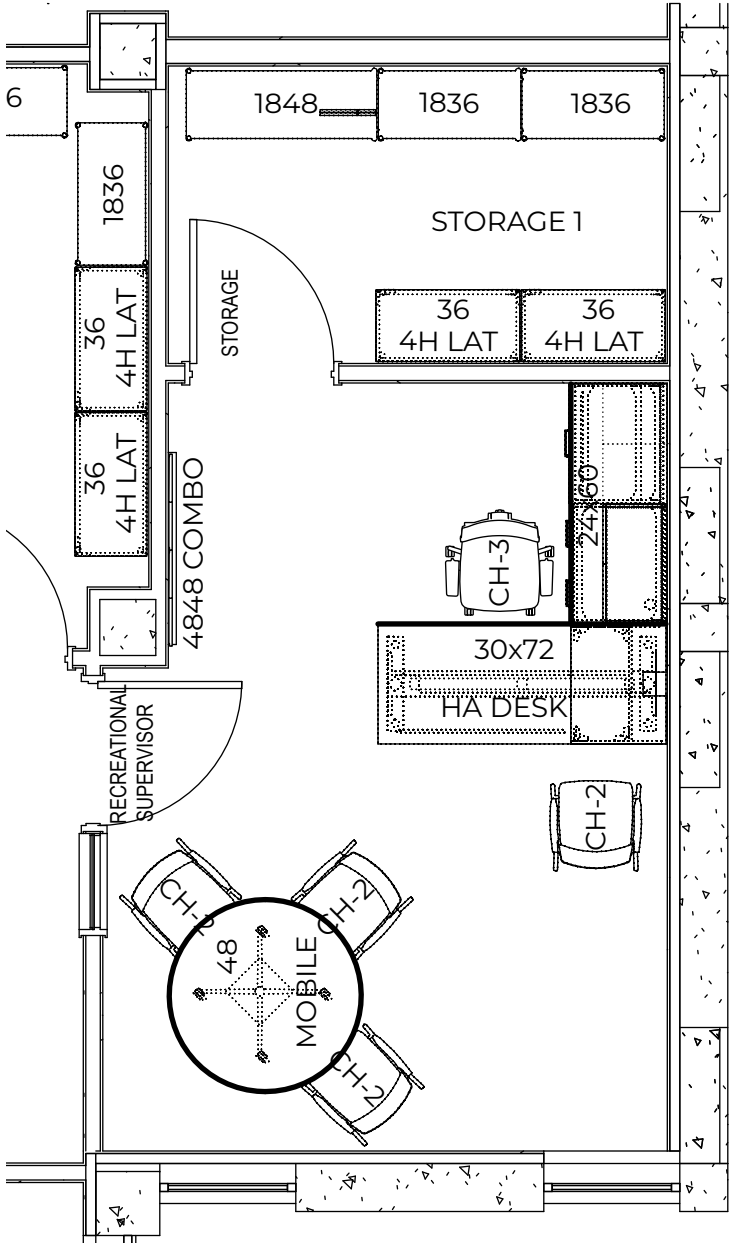
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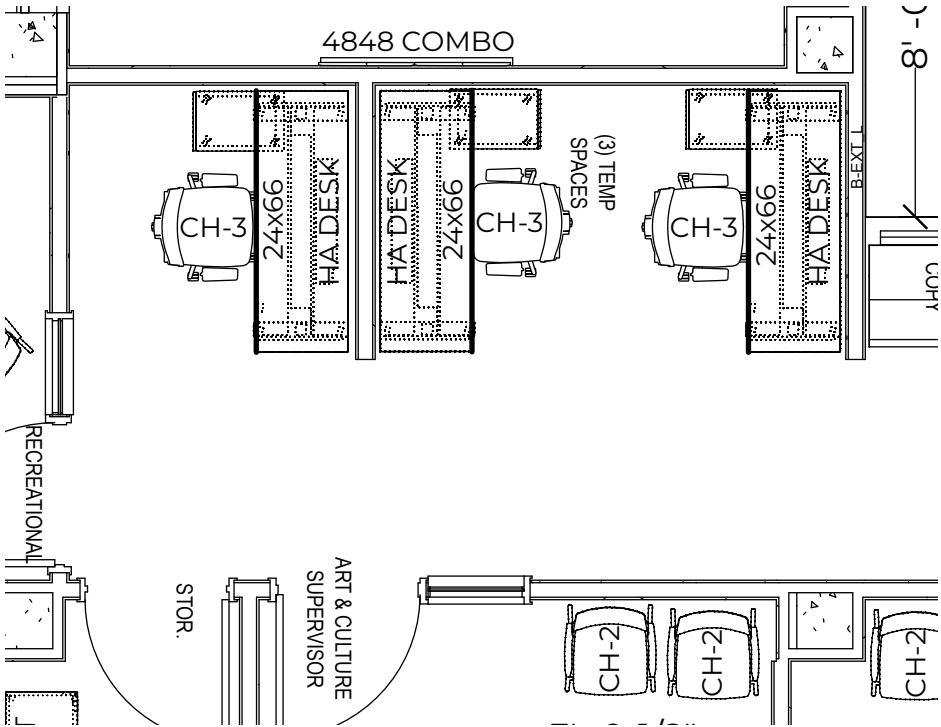
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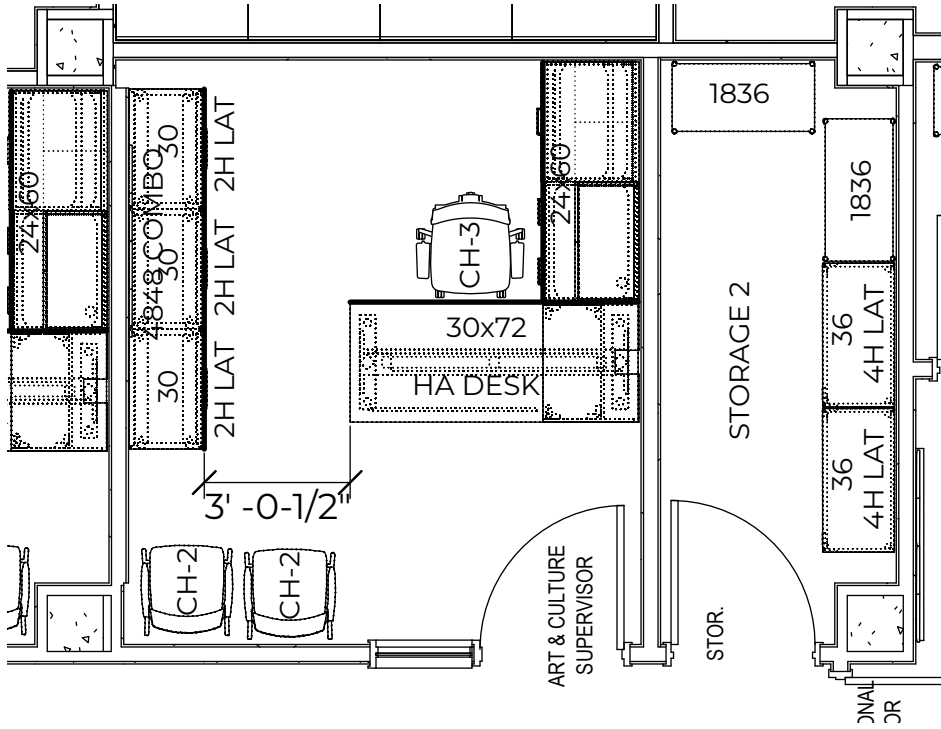
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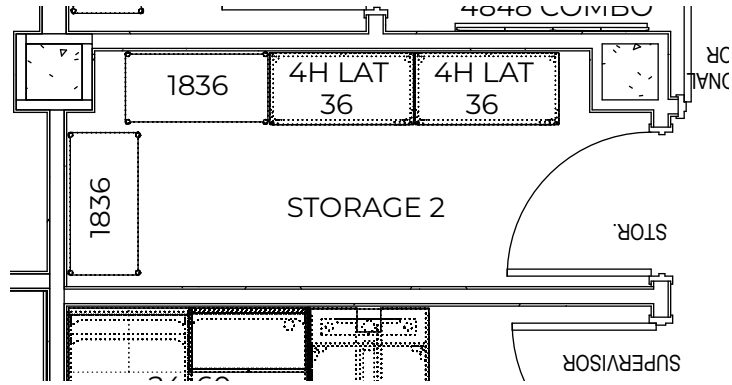
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BRISTOL, CT

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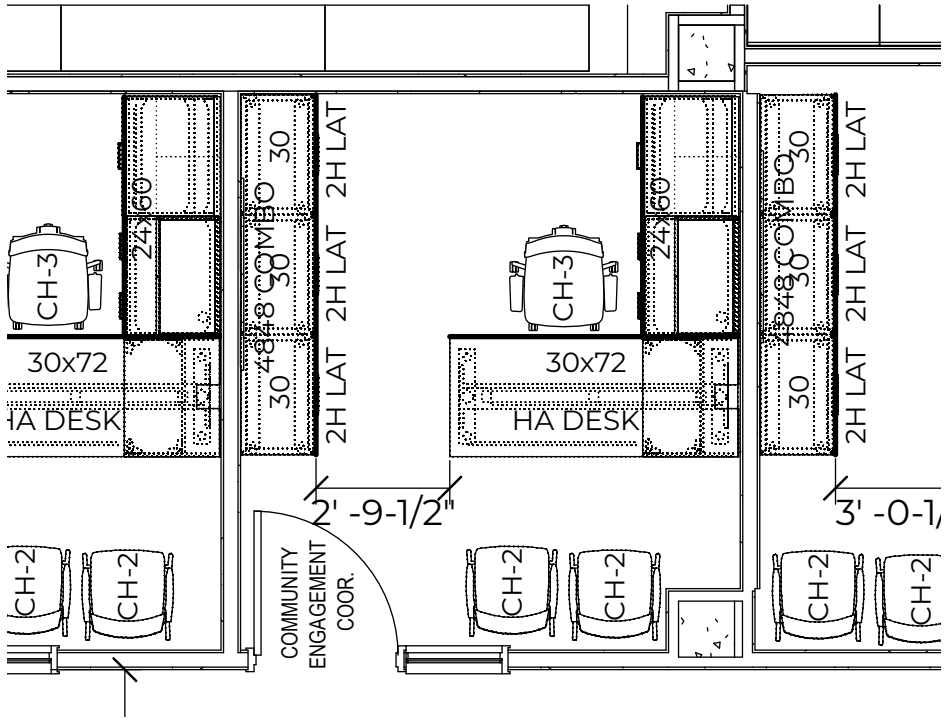
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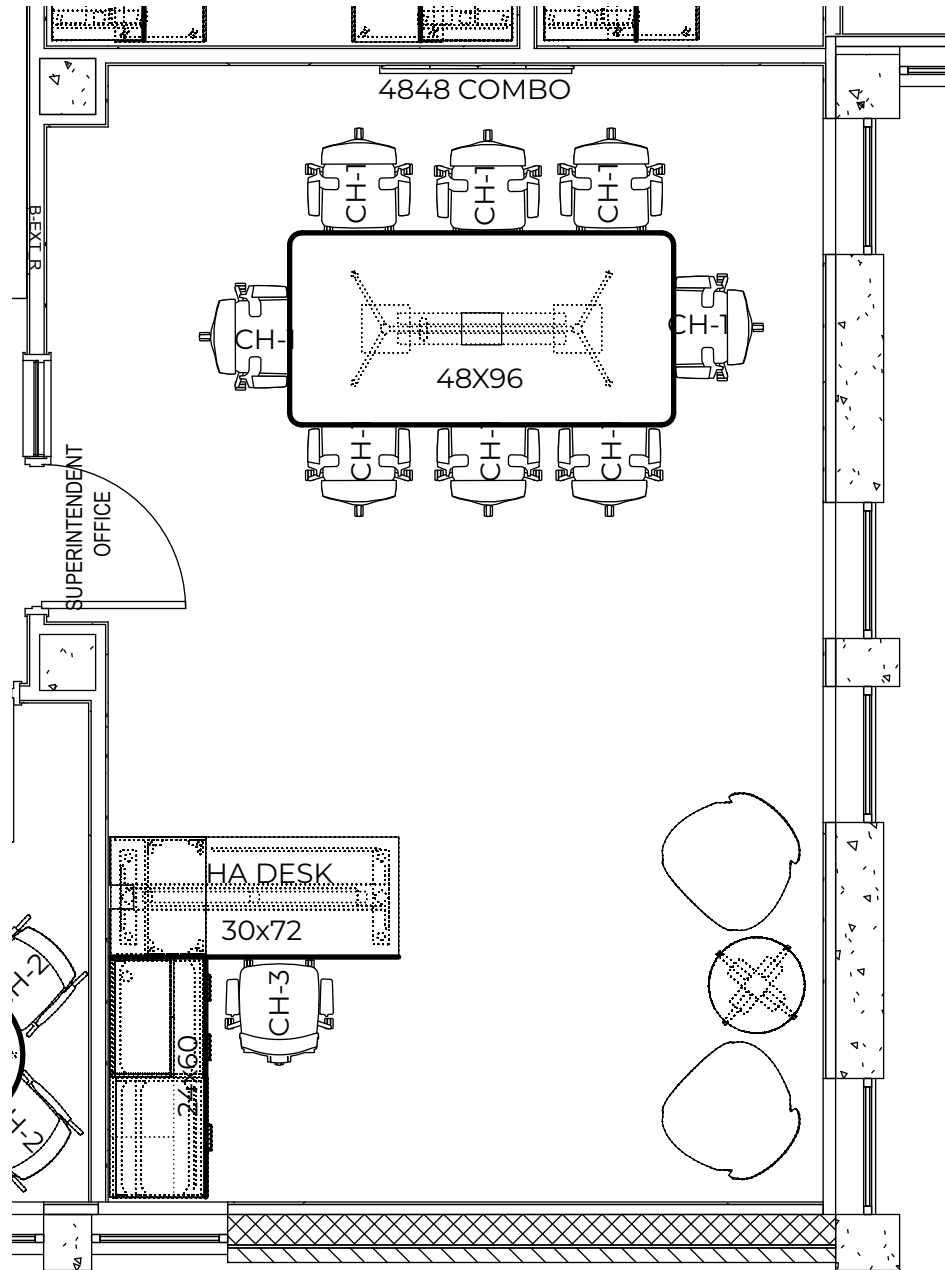
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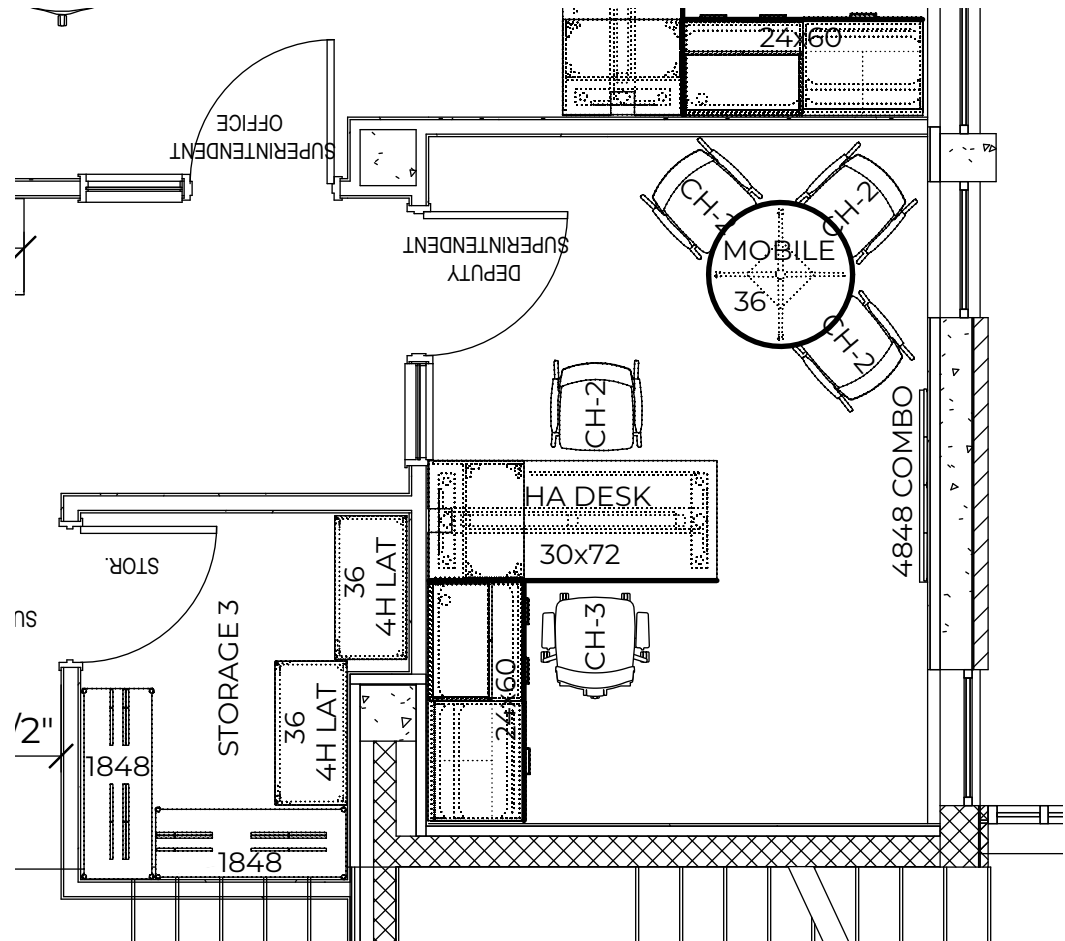
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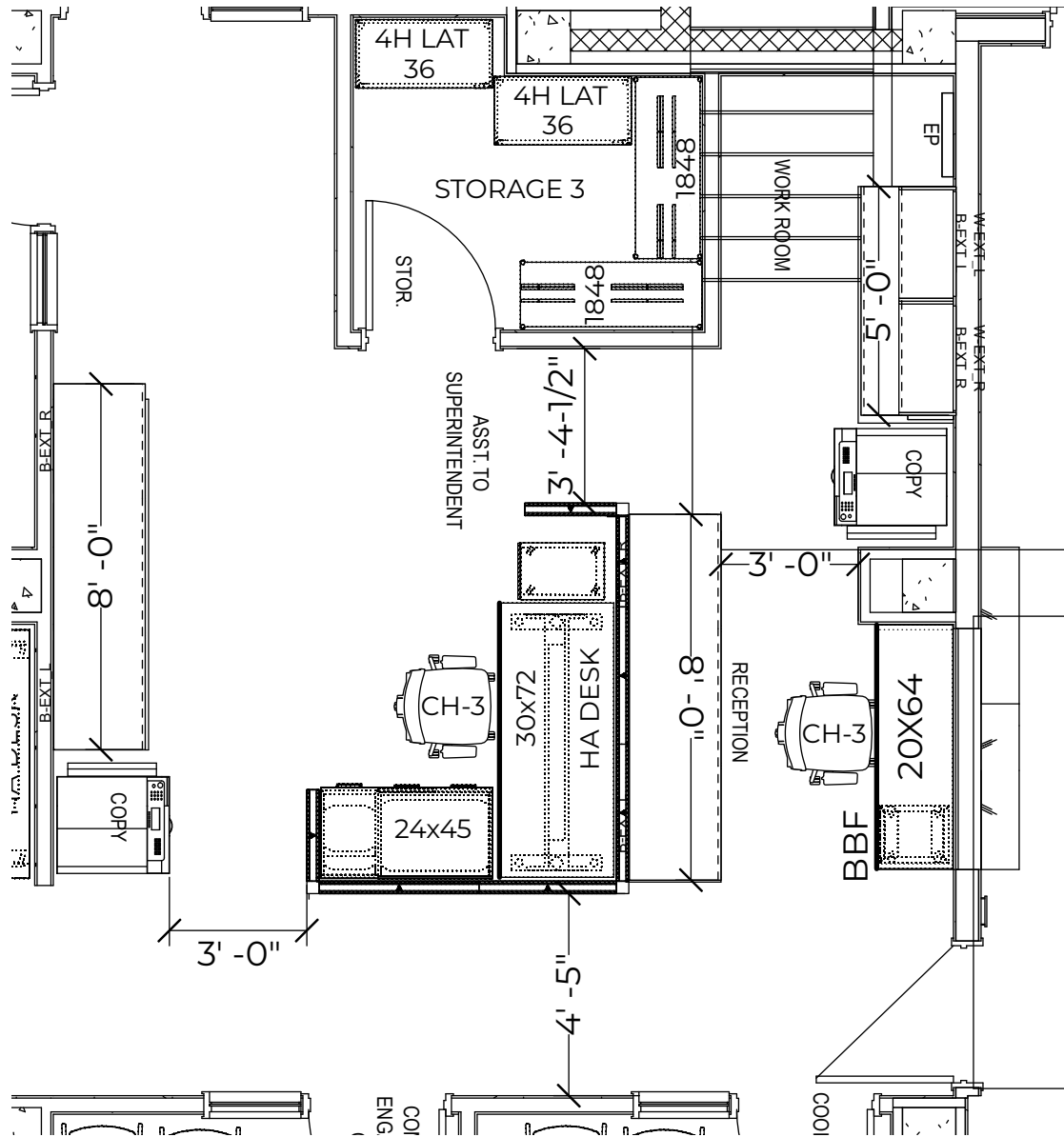
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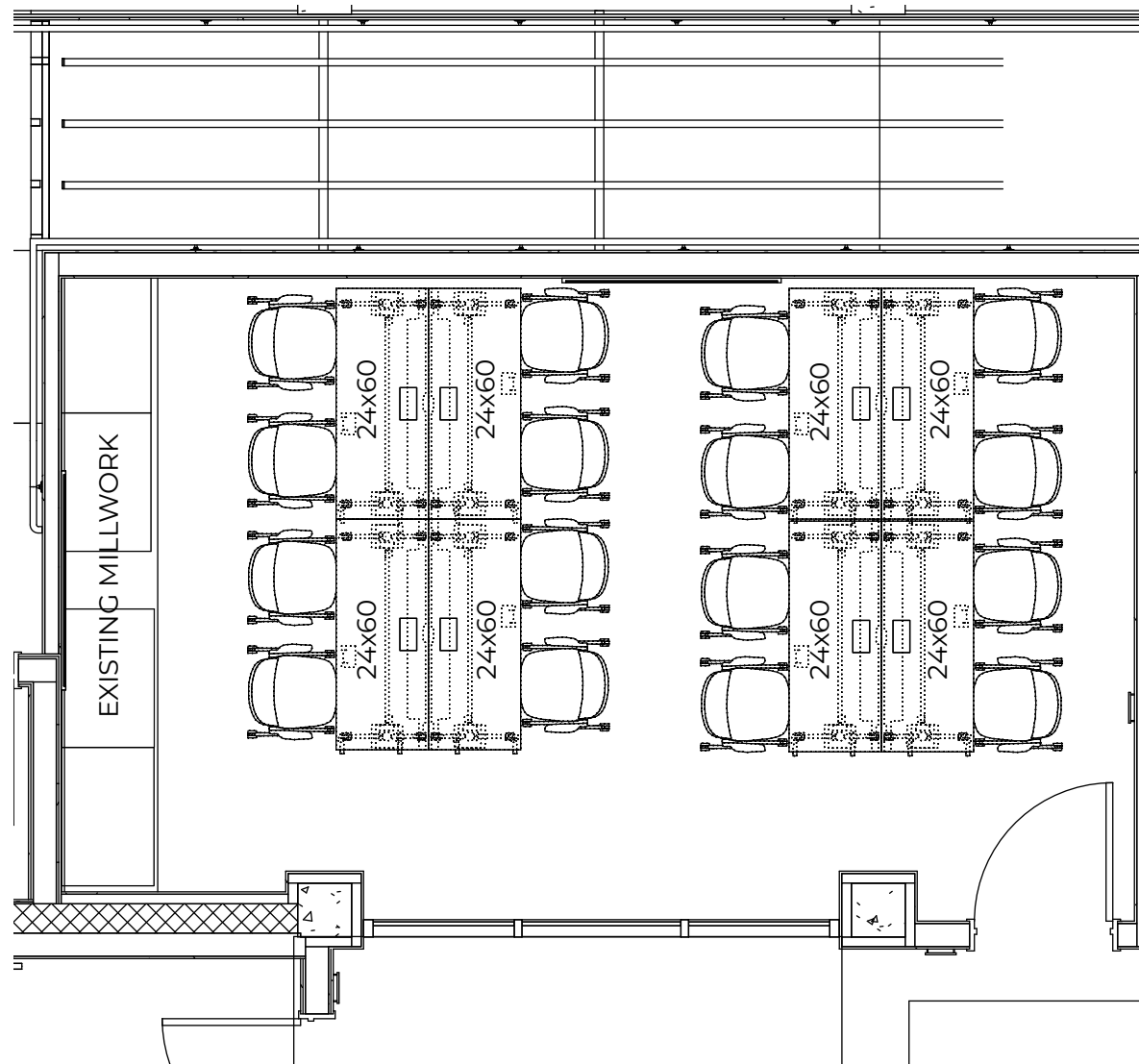
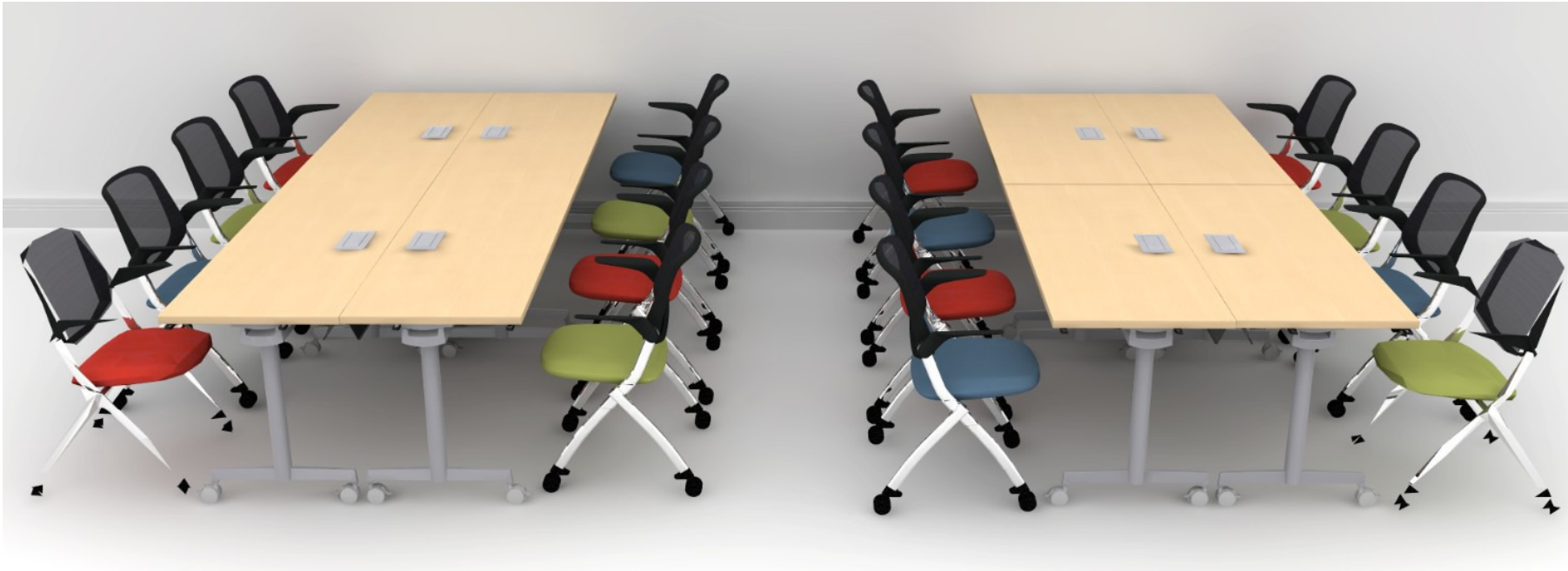
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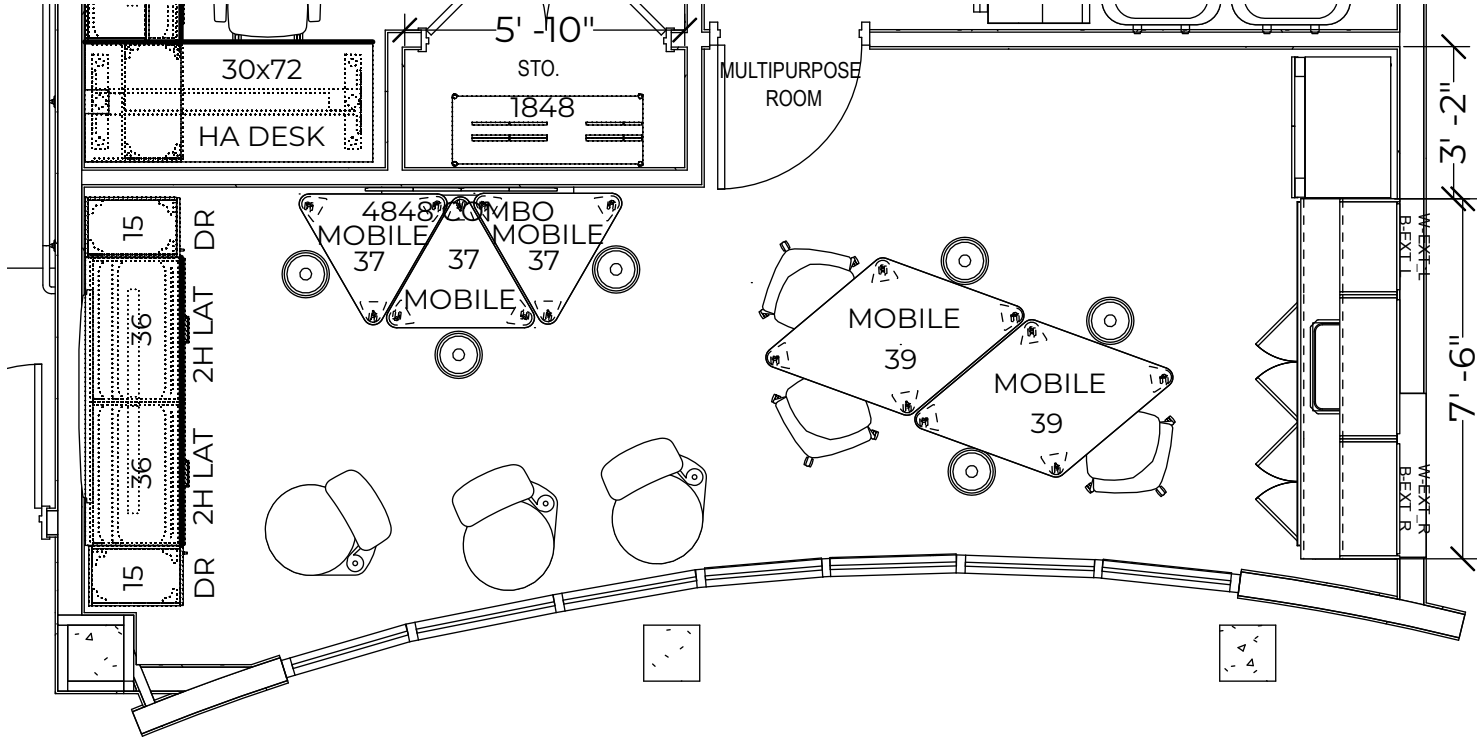
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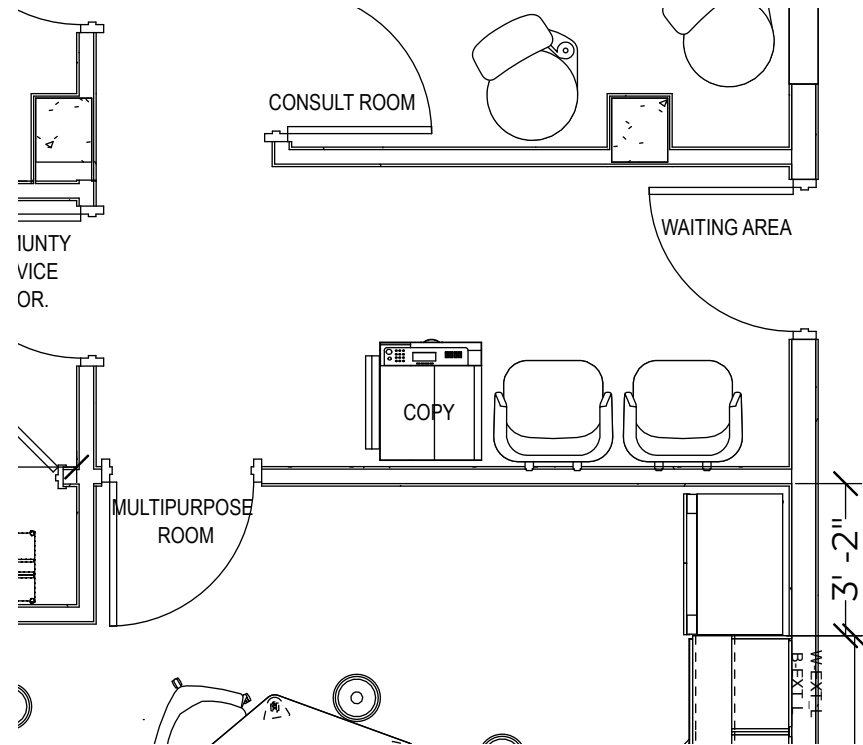
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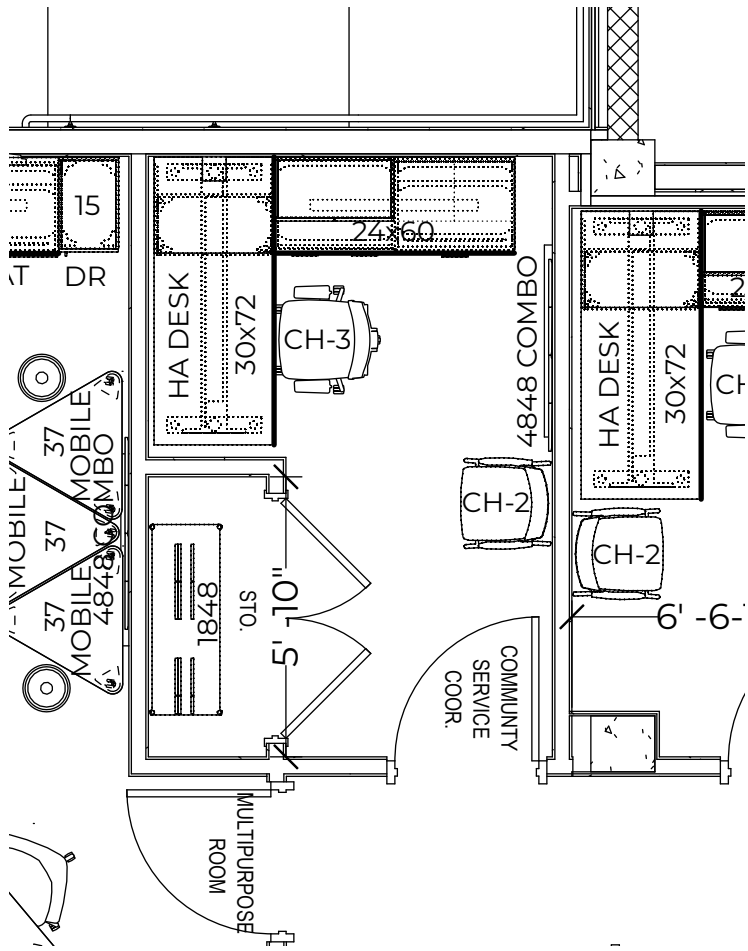
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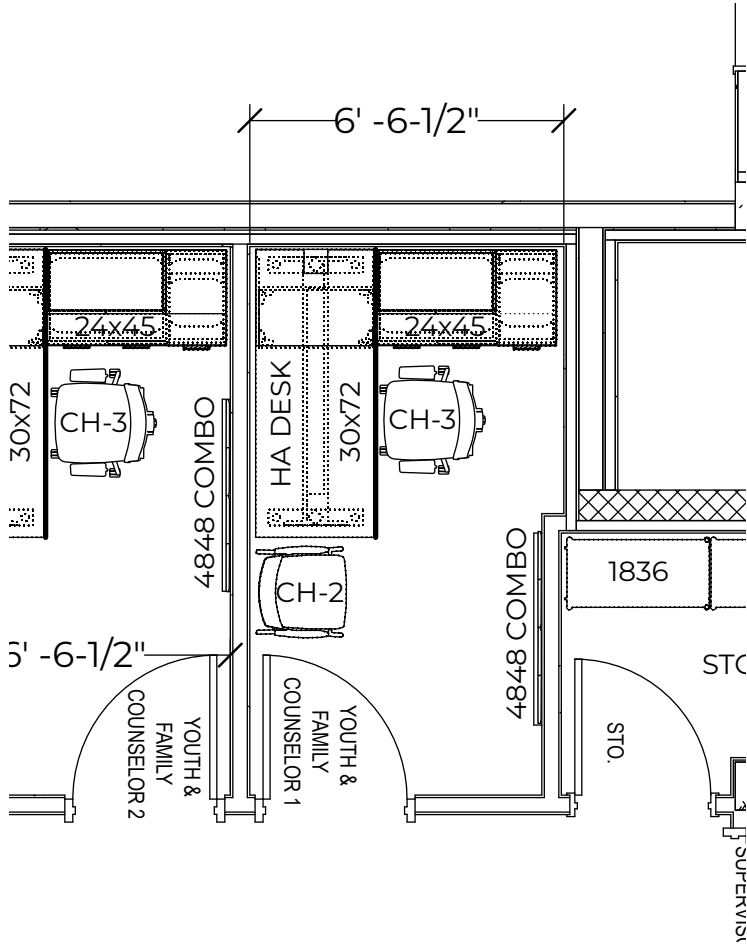
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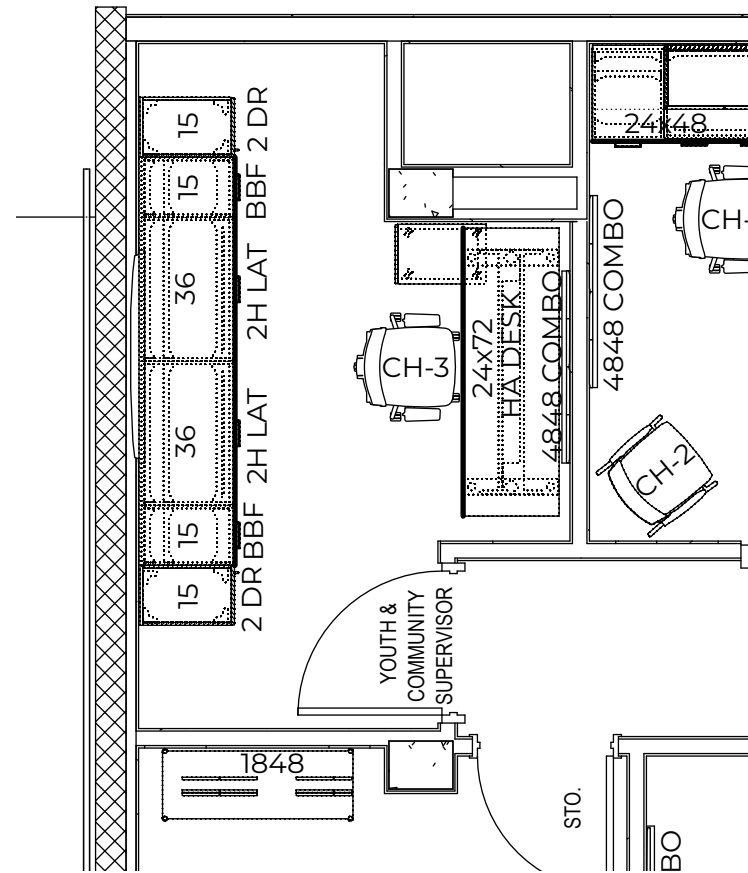
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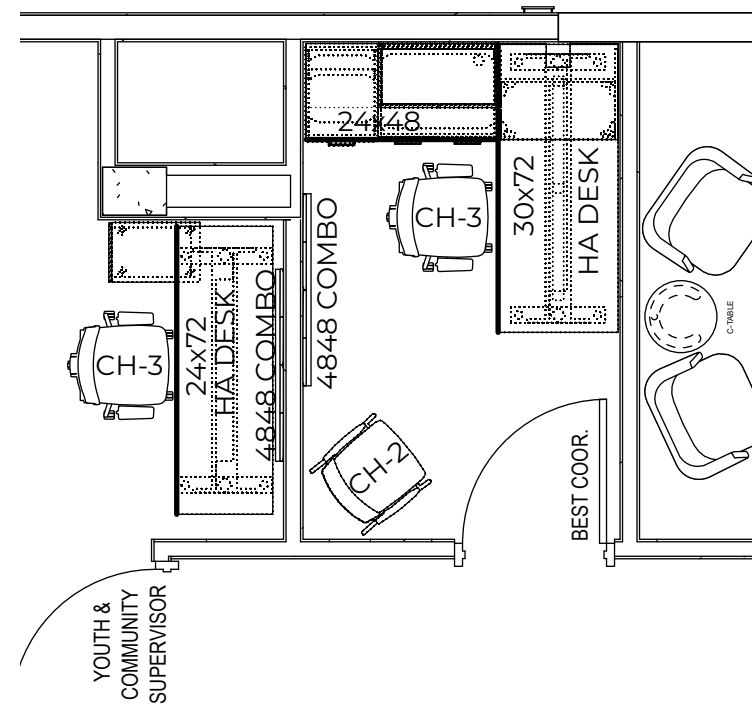
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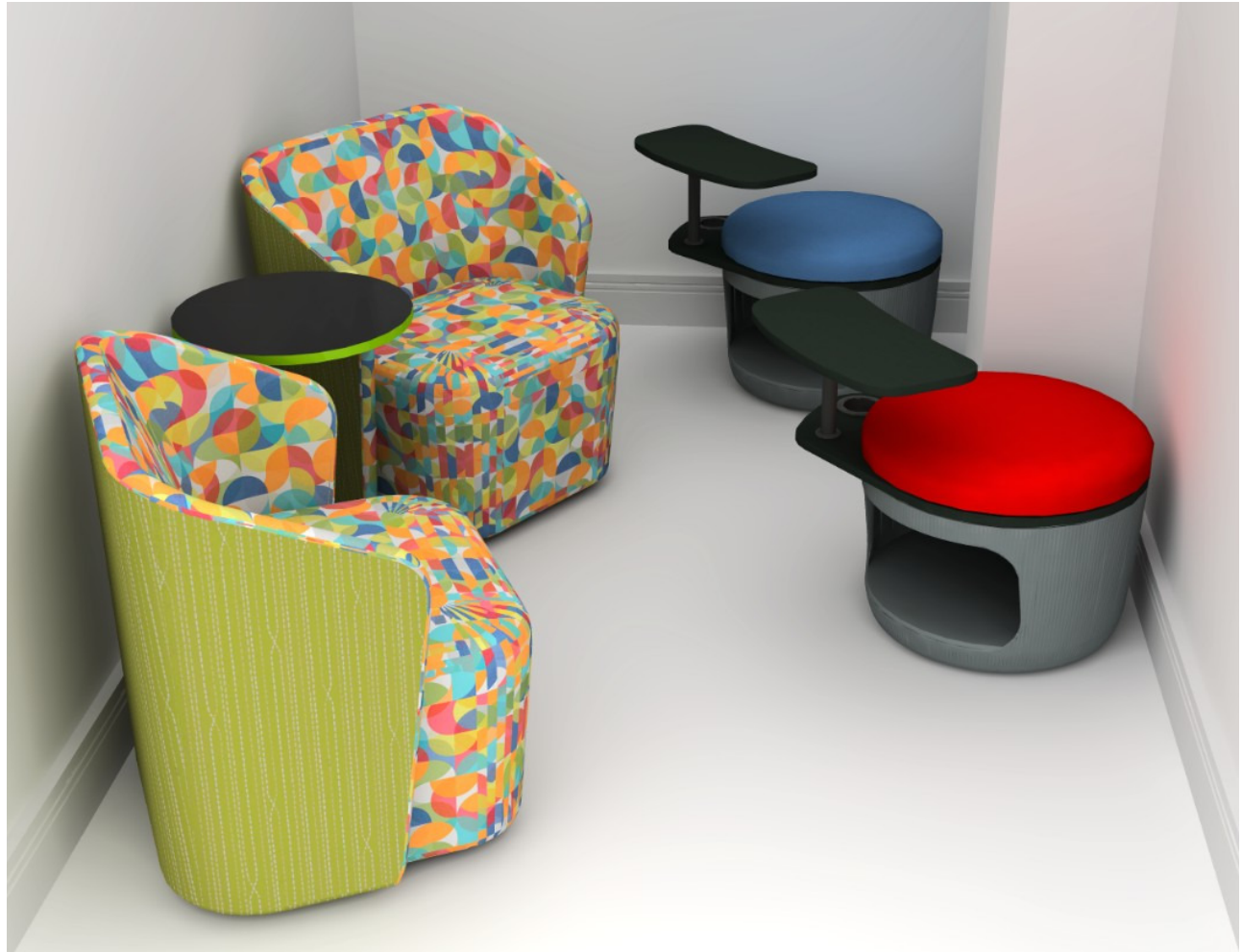
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