

**PROJECT GENESIS, OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES
HILLSBOROUGH, NH**

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Hours Student Needed: M/W 4-8, F 5-9

Purpose: Project Genesis is a drop-in teen center open to middle- and high-school students from the Hillsboro-Deering school district. The facilities are open three nights a week, from 4-8 on Monday and Wednesday, and 5-9 on Friday. Resources include high-speed Internet access, a pool table and foosball table, cable TV, a DVD player and video games, movie filming and editing equipment, and a concession stand.

Motivation/Interests/Skills Required: Interest in working with adolescent youth, particularly at-risk youth. The organization can use work/study students who are reliable, have good boundaries and listening skills, who are interested in becoming mentors and leaders, have self-initiative and creativity, and have an interest in counseling an at-risk and disenfranchised youth population. Students must be willing to INTERACT with teens, not just “mind the store.” Knowledge and interest in film and theatre is also a plus.

The Office of Youth Services also provides internships in counseling, case management, juvenile diversion, and restorative justice.

Position Description:

- Engage in a variety of activities with teens. There is an emphasis on artistic programming; movie making, mural painting, etc.
- Act as mentors to the special programming, including the Youth Leadership Counsel, and CAST (Community Arts & Stage for Teens).

Supervision: Although the site supervisor will be available on some evenings, the student volunteer should expect to have little supervision, and be expected to work independently and creatively. Maturity and energy are needed.

Benefits to Student:

- Increased familiarity with counseling, case management, juvenile diversion, and restorative justice.
- Enhanced skills in mentoring and leading individuals and groups of at-risk youth.

Directions:

Take Route 9/202 West towards Hillsboro. At the first Hillsboro exit (approx 6 miles), get off and take a left. Follow Main Street into the middle of town, to the first light. Go through the light. Church Street is the third block past the light; take a right onto it. Project Genesis is the building on the left, on the corner of Main St. and Church.