



# Meriden Youth Services

**About:** Youth Services is an office of the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services. The office provides programs, activities, and services that promote both a positive, healthy community and develop healthy, capable youth people and families.

**Funding Sources:** Youth Services receives funding from the City of Meriden, The State Dept. of Education, Workforce Alliance Inc. and local foundations to run our programs.

**Office Location and Hours:** Youth Services is located at 165 Miller Street in Meriden. The building is open Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm. Additional information and our Youth Services Directory can be found on our website: [www.meridenhealth.com](http://www.meridenhealth.com).

## **Staff:**

**Tammy Kudla**, Youth Services Worker, facilitates our Juvenile Assistance and Diversion Program's daily operations. She can be reached at (203) 639-5058 or [tkudla@meridenct.gov](mailto:tkudla@meridenct.gov).

**Stephanie Geremia**, Associate Director of Health, oversees Youth Services. She can be reached at (203) 630-4223 or [sgeremia@meridenct.gov](mailto:sgeremia@meridenct.gov).

## **Programs:**

- **Juvenile Assistance and Diversion Board (JAD):** Instead of Juvenile Court, youth under the age of 18 come before a board of community members to admit guilt and accept consequences for their first or second arrestable offense. Ms. Kudla monitors the youth until the consequence(s) is completed. Families and the youth are offered counseling and pro-social referrals.
- **Community Service:** We serve as a link among community partners requesting student volunteers. Please contact us for any upcoming or ongoing community service opportunities you may have for young people, or if you are a youth looking for service hours.