

DAILY SCHEDULE

2:00 Arrival

- Snack
- Socialization
- Board Games
- Creative Corner

3:00 (on a rotating schedule)

- Community Outings
- Community Service
- Computer
- Group Games



4:00 (on a rotating schedule)

- Fitness
- Art
- Cooking



5:00 Wii and Karaoke

5:30 Parent Pick-up



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Teen Drop In Center

Dependable, Consistent,
 Enriching Weekly
 Programming.
**OPEN MONDAY,
 TUESDAY AND
 THURSDAY FROM
 2:00-5:30**

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About Us:

The Teen Drop In Center was developed in collaboration with our Family Council to meet the needs of our working parents and provide safe, quality programming for our Teens and Young Adults.

Daily activities will include four main areas; Health and Fitness, Personal and Social Development, Creative Arts and Expression, and Community Involvement.

Thanks to a grant from the Harpley Foundation we will be able to provide some fantastic Art Classes offered by an Art Instructor from our Center for Emerging Artists. We will also be offering a weekly cooking class which will take place in our café. Formal social skills groups will begin in February..

Teens will be supported and encouraged to make many of their own choices about what they would like to do while at the Teen Center. This includes where to go in the community and how to plan an outing.

Staff

The Center will be staffed by a Director, Assistant Director and an Art Instructor.

Paula Thompson LICSW will oversee the program as the Program Coordinator. Paula has been at the Arc of East Middlesex for over three years in the Family Resource Center. Prior to attending graduate school, she worked in after school programs for four years in a variety of capacities. Paula is excited to unite her knowledge and passion of after school programs and teens and young adults with disabilities.



Christine Arruda- Director
Christine recently graduated with a Recreation and Leisure studies degree from Gordon College. She has five years of experience in after school programs and completed an internship at the Arc of East Middlesex this past spring. Christine is excited to lead the Teen Center in the coming year.



Jamie Salacup - Assistant Director
Jamie has worked at SEEM Collaborative for four years, taking a year off to travel and teach in Thailand. She has worked in both the middle and high school programs. Jamie also assists with the monthly SEEM socials. Jamie's experience, creativity, and energy will help enrich the Teen Center.



Other Teen Center staff include Diane Faro, Taryn Faro and Staci Afthim who all bring their enthusiasm and experience working with children in after school programs. Linda Nelson is also a member of our staff; she is the Teen Center's art instructor.

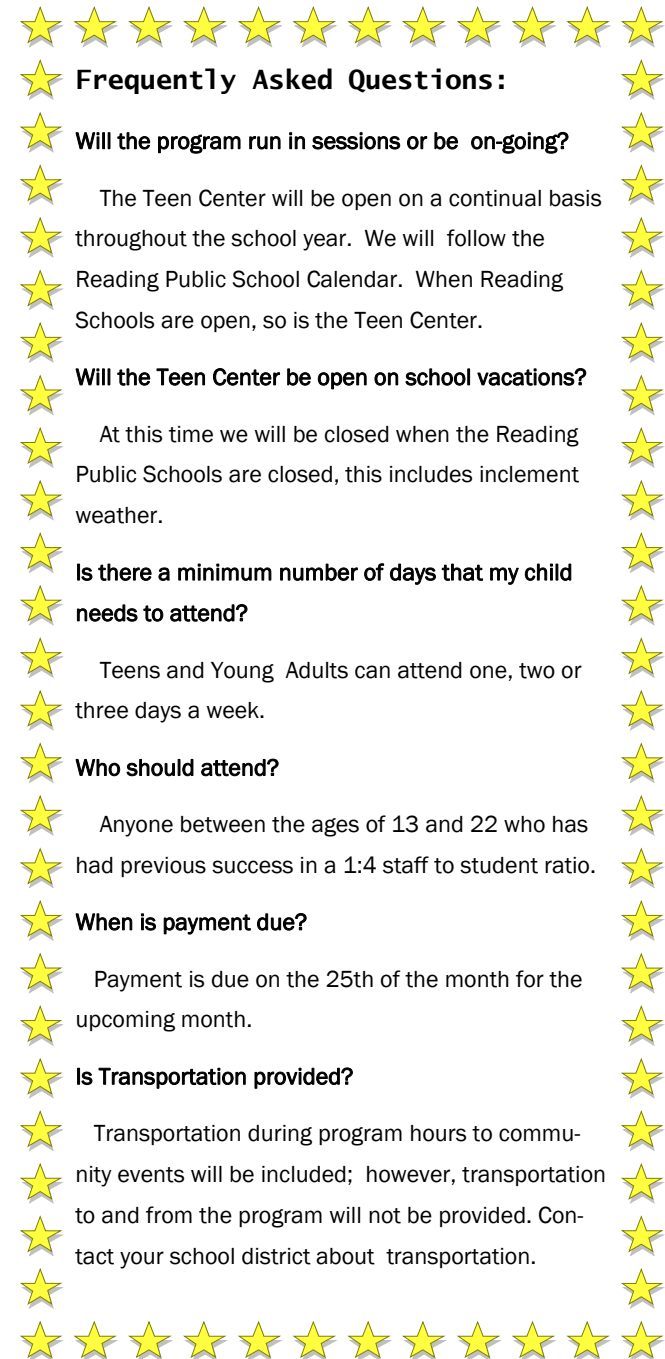
Days of Operation

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
School Year Only

Time: 2:00-5:30pm

Cost: \$25 per day

Prior Registration Is Required to Attend



Frequently Asked Questions:

Will the program run in sessions or be on-going?

The Teen Center will be open on a continual basis throughout the school year. We will follow the Reading Public School Calendar. When Reading Schools are open, so is the Teen Center.

Will the Teen Center be open on school vacations?

At this time we will be closed when the Reading Public Schools are closed, this includes inclement weather.

Is there a minimum number of days that my child needs to attend?

Teens and Young Adults can attend one, two or three days a week.

Who should attend?

Anyone between the ages of 13 and 22 who has had previous success in a 1:4 staff to student ratio.

When is payment due?

Payment is due on the 25th of the month for the upcoming month.

Is Transportation provided?

Transportation during program hours to community events will be included; however, transportation to and from the program will not be provided. Contact your school district about transportation.

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