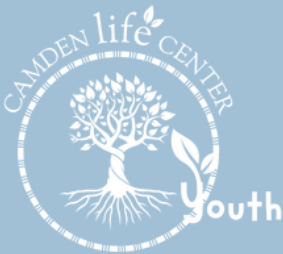


welcome!

OPEN DOOR

hang out.
connect.
play games.



Youth grades 7th-12th

Welcome to **Open Door**

Member & Family Guide

A program of Life Center Collaborative
Located at the Sgt. Eli Parker Youth Center

The door is open.
Come on in.

The Open Door Promise

When you walk through our doors, you belong.

At Open Door, we believe every young person deserves a place where they feel safe, welcomed, valued, and connected.

Whether you're stopping by to play games, spend time with friends, join an activity, or simply have a place to be, our goal is to create a community where every young person knows they matter.

We promise to provide caring adults who will encourage you, listen to you, and help create a safe environment where healthy friendships, recreation, and new opportunities can grow.

In return, we ask every person who walks through our doors to help create that same welcoming environment for others.

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About Open Door

Open Door is a free youth program of Life Center Collaborative, located in the Sgt. Eli Parker Youth Center. Designed for students in grades 7–12, Open Door provides a safe, welcoming place where young people can build friendships, enjoy healthy recreation, connect with trusted adults, and discover new opportunities.

We're excited to launch Open Door with summer hours Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. As our program grows, we look forward to expanding activities, hours, and opportunities based on the needs and interests of local youth.

Open Door is more than a place to go. It's a place to belong.

Our Community

We all help create the kind of place we'd want to spend time.

·Respect Yourself, Others & Our Space: Treat people with kindness, speak respectfully, and help care for our building, equipment, and shared spaces.

·Be Present: Put your phone away when you're participating in activities or spending time with others. The best memories are made when we're engaged with the people around us.

·Try Something New: Challenge yourself to participate, learn a new skill, meet someone new, or step outside your comfort zone.

·Leave It Better Than You Found It: Look for opportunities to help others, welcome someone who's new, volunteer, pitch in with activities, and leave our space—and our community—a little better than you found it.

Give Backs

We believe every young person has something valuable to contribute. A Give Back is any act of service that helps make Open Door a welcoming place for everyone.

- Welcome a new member
- Help clean up
- Set up or put away games
- Assist with events
- Encourage someone
- Help with a service project
- Care for our building and equipment

How Open Door Works

Membership

Membership is free. All youth must complete an Open Door Membership & Family Agreement before attending regularly.

Check-In & Check-Out

For the safety of everyone participating, Open Door is a check-in/check-out program. Once youth have checked in, they are expected to remain at Open Door until they check out according to their family's approved transportation plan. Youth who leave independently may not return later that day unless prior arrangements have been made with staff.

Guests

Youth may invite a guest to attend one time before making the decision to become a member. A parent or guardian will be contacted before participation. Additional visits require membership.

Staying Connected

Families will receive updates through Facebook, text messages, paper flyers, and school partnerships. If school is closed due to weather or an emergency, Open Door will also be closed. Families will be notified through Facebook and text messaging whenever possible.

Helping Everyone Stay Safe

Supervision

Open Door staff supervise youth during program activities. Open Door is not a secure facility. Families share responsibility for ensuring youth understand and follow their approved transportation plan.

Positive Adult Relationships

Our staff are committed to caring, supportive relationships. High-fives and fist bumps are welcome. Staff maintain healthy professional boundaries and partner with families.

Phones & Technology

Phones are welcome for communicating with parents or guardians, but should be put away during activities. Always ask permission before taking photos. Staff may ask members to put phones away if they become a distraction.

Food & Snacks

Snacks will be available to youth. Additional items may be available for purchase. Food is enjoyed in the café only. Bring a water bottle, clean up after yourself, and let us know about allergies. We cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment but staff work to create a safe food environment for all those in attendance.

Privacy & Safety

We respect privacy. If someone is being harmed, may harm themselves or others, or there are concerns about abuse or neglect, staff are required by law to take appropriate steps to keep everyone safe.

Emergencies

Staff are trained in basic first aid. Staff will respond immediately to medical or mental health emergencies, notify parents or guardians as appropriate, and contact emergency services whenever necessary.

Learning & Growing Together

At Open Door, we believe mistakes are opportunities to learn and grow. Our first response is to listen, understand, and work together to find a solution. If behaviors continue, become disruptive, or create a safety concern, staff may involve parents or guardians, develop a plan for success, or determine that a temporary break from Open Door is appropriate. Our goal is always to help every young person return ready to reconnect with the community.

Thank You

Thank you for choosing Open Door. We are honored to partner with your family in creating a place where young people feel safe, connected, and encouraged to grow.

Together, we can build a community where every young person knows they belong.

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