

Save the Kids Inside Programs

@ Hillbrook Youth Detention Center, Syracuse, NY



Le Moyne College and SUNY Cortland students on a Friday Night at Hillbrook attending 5 to 8PM Youth Empowerment and Leadership (YEL), which occurs every Friday and Sunday.

Save the Kids regularly puts on special events such as:

- Memorial Day Picnic and Water Balloon toss
- SUNY Cortland Basketball Game with Residents
- CEOs and Professionals Teach Job Skills 101
- Hip-Hop Talent Show
- Valentine Card Making with College Students
- Hip-Hop Talent Show
- Spoken Word and Poetry Competition
- Black History Month Event
- Juneteenth Historical and Cultural Festival

Two Programs Monday - Friday

Save the Kids provides **Computer Programs** directed by Zachary Dodge a student at Le Moyne College provides lessons in the computer room with the latest Apple Computers and an amazing color printer and copier. The residents learn typing skills, Word programming, music editing, letter writing, and graphic design.



On the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month provides Hip-Hop and Poetry Slam with DJ Afar and other musicians from the outside that volunteer to perform at Hillbrook.

The **Recreation and Athletics Program** directed Michael Bomasuto, provides high impact group-building, team-building, and leadership focused activities. Bomasuto has a Masters from SUNY Cortland in Sports Management. With amazing indoor and outdoor facilities the residents get to play basketball, baseball, capture the flag, touch football, and even dodge ball with fun bright foam balls.



Art by the residents is regularly displayed around Hillbrook inside and outside every classroom and office.



Poetry Behind the Walls (PBW), is the only ongoing journal in the world that is dedicated to writings from youth that are incarcerated. PBW is a collaborative project between Save the Kids, the *Social Advocacy and Systems Change Journal*, and Hillbrook Youth Detention Center. The goal of PBW is to provide space for youth to express themselves nonviolently. PBW as well, supports and encourages youth when they see their work published.



Justice Program at Hillbrook



Youth especially at Hillbrook need to begin to learn the system. Twice a month on Sundays videos are shown and experts to speak to kids about:

Knowing Their Rights
School to Prison Pipeline
Criminal Industrial Complex
and more...

visit: www.savethekidsgroup.org

Monday – Sunday Programs

Monday | Poetry & Expression

Tuesday | Global & Cultural Awareness

Wednesday | Job Readiness & GED

Thursday | Health & Wellness

Friday | Youth Empowerment & Leadership

Saturday | 1st & 3rd HIPP | 2nd & 4th Hip-Hop

Sunday | 1st & 3rd HIPP | 2nd & 4th Hip-Hop



Top Picture: College students after a HIPP Workshop at Hillbrook.

Bottom Picture: Eyes Wide Open an exhibit that remembers the soldiers and other lives that were lost in the Iraq War.

Weekly Certificates



Every week students are provided the chance to get numerous certificates such as Volunteer of the Week, Leader of the Week, Mentor of the Week, plus program and activities certificate, which include Computer Student of the Week, Athlete of the Week, Job Readiness Student of the Week, and Water Balloon Tossing of the Week.



M.O.V.E. – Men of Value and Excellence, student group at SUNY Cortland, New York, read poetry and spoke with the residents.