

Juvenile Art Exhibition Opens This Month



An exhibition of artwork by youth who are under the care of the Connecticut Judicial Branch's Juvenile Residential Services Unit (JRS) will open to the public on Friday, Oct. 11, and go through Dec. 13, 2024.

The exhibition will be at The 224 EcoSpace in Hartford at 224 Farmington Ave. An opening reception, sponsored by Goodwin University, will occur on Oct. 11 from 4-6 p.m. Parking is free, as is the exhibit. JRS, which is part of the Branch's Court Support Services Division,

worked collaboratively with The 224 EcoSpace to organize the event.

JRS operates a network of programs and services throughout the state, including two residential centers in Bridgeport and Hartford, along with numerous contracted residential programs. These programs are designed to meet the unique needs of adolescents, generally ages 14 through 17, who have contact with the juvenile court system.

"Art classes are among the many educational and enrichment programs JRS offers, the benefits of which in such settings are well-documented," JRS Director Cathy Foley Geib said. "Outcomes

include improved self-esteem and confidence, the development of skills regarding problem solving, critical thinking and expressing emotions, and the exploration of potential career paths."



She added: "This exhibition offers an opportunity for the community to experience the perspectives and talent of this special population of Connecticut's youth, and for the youth to see that they can make a positive contribution to the community and take pride in their work and self-expression."

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