

Top 10 reasons

to earn a Bachelor of Science in Human Services with a concentration in community youth development and leadership.

1. Flexible Schedule

Evenings, weekends, or online—choose a schedule that works for you.

2. The Greater Good

Learn with students from all walks and stages of life who are equally focused on transforming their communities.

3. Growing Field

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, positions for social and human service managers will increase by 18 percent from 2016 to 2026. Skilled human service workers are in high demand, translating into rewarding opportunities.

4. Support for Adults and Other Students

Your academic success coach and the academic resource connection are key components of the support readily available to you.

5. Credit for Prior Learning

Earn undergraduate credit for prior learning and training. Plus your perspective will benefit class discussions.

6. An Affordable Degree

The combination of an accelerated format and reasonable tuition make this a surprisingly affordable program.

7. Relevant and Current Courses

The community youth development and leadership concentration offers courses that reflect the healthy development of youth in spirit, mind, and body. Elective coursework includes a focus on criminal justice and counseling.

8. Student Projects

Upgrade your résumé with hands-on community projects in the field of community youth development that impact people before you even graduate.

9. Faculty Who Know Human Services

Learn from exceptional faculty members who bring real-life experience to your classroom based on field expertise, and agency and community work.

10. National and Regional Recognition

Springfield College's reputation and articulation agreements with organizations focused on community youth development and leadership will help to open doors for you.



TRANSFORM YOUR CAREER AND YOUR COMMUNITY

We are here for you.

For more detailed information, visit springfield.edu/adultlearning or contact the regional campus that you are interested in attending. Knowledgeable staff are available to help you navigate the application and financial aid process.

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Springfield College offers the combination of regional accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education, consistent ranking in the top tier of "Best Regional Universities—North Region" by *U.S. News & World Report*, and a mission to educate the whole person in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

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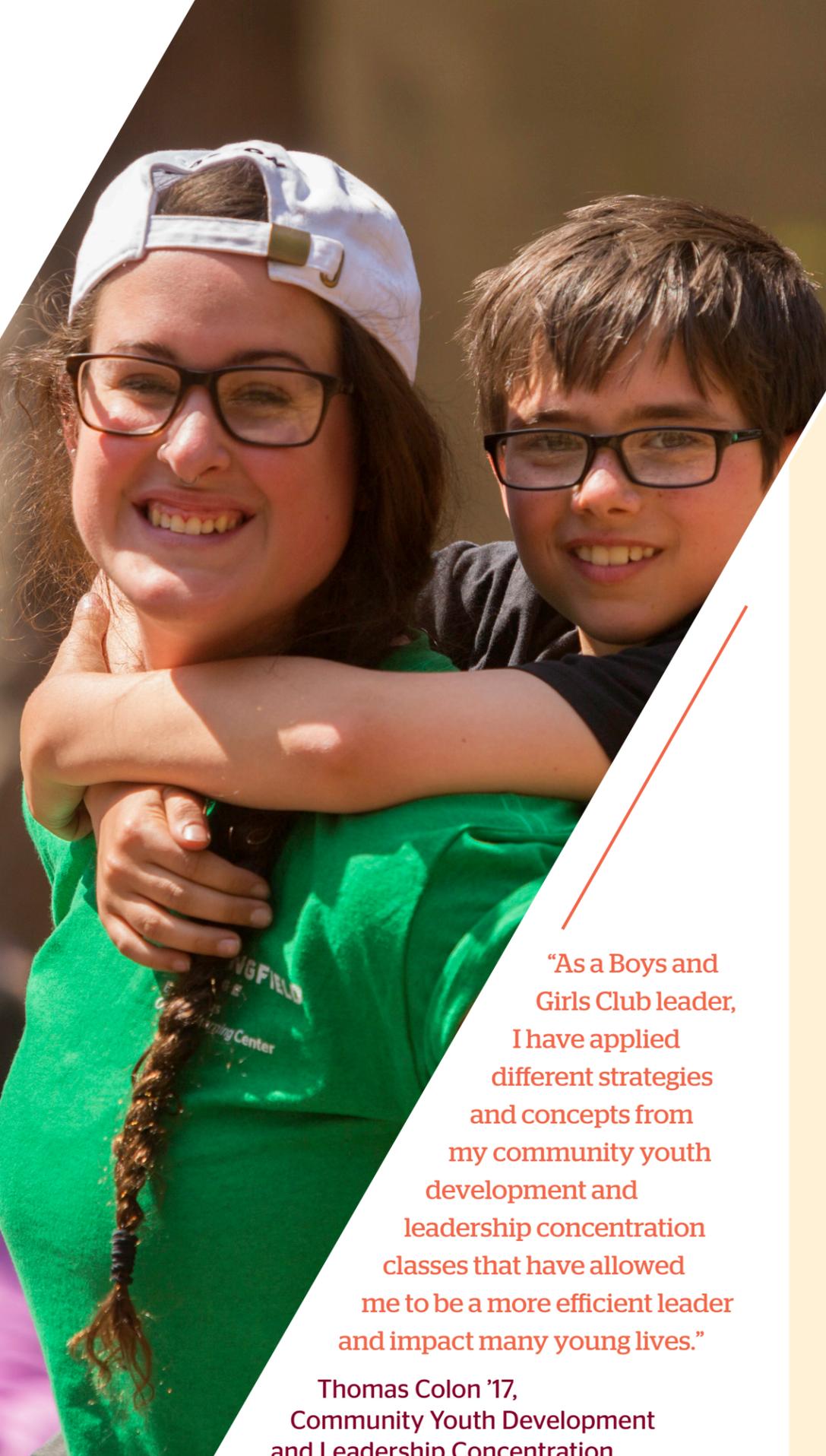
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Empower the next generation.

Youth services is a growing and changing field which responds to challenges arising from increasing substance abuse, crime, and other social and economic strains. Today's communities need youth services professionals with the credentials and abilities to reach out to young people—to engage them in the decisions that will shape their growth as responsible citizens and future community leaders.

Careers in Community Youth Development and Leadership

The Bachelor of Science in Human Services with a concentration in community youth development and leadership prepares you for careers in:

- Case Management
- Youth and Family Advocacy
- Recreation Coordinator
- Social and Community Service Managers
- Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention
- Youth Counselors and Family
- Victim Services
- Youth Worker

The coming decade holds a promising outlook for human services employment for those with bachelor's degrees. The U.S. Department of Labor is predicting that employment for social and community service managers will increase by 18 percent by 2026.

Create Your Own Flexible Schedule

We offer you Bachelor of Science in Human Services course delivery options so that you can build a schedule that works around your busy life. Choose a fully online program or a hybrid program, which includes a mix of online courses and hybrid courses with both face-to-face and online hours. Whichever you choose, we are prepared to support you. Please note that all concentration courses are delivered online.

Hybrid Evening Courses

These classes take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings (typically twice per month) and feature additional online coursework.

Hybrid Weekend Courses

These classes take place Saturdays and Sundays (typically twice per month) and feature additional online coursework.

Fully Online Courses

All coursework is completed online in a social and interactive learning environment.

Community Youth Development and Leadership Concentration Curriculum

Required Courses

(12 credits)

- Adolescent Development in Context
- Alternative Theories in Youth Development
- Transformative Cross-Culture Youth Leadership
- Building Competencies in Community Youth Work

Sample Elective Courses

(12 credits)

- Youth Practicum in Human Services
- Introduction to Community Organizing
- Cross-cultural Perspectives in Social Services
- Substance Use and Abuse: From Prevention to Treatment
- Human Growth and Development
- Family Therapy
- Violence and Social Control in U.S. History and Society

To graduate, you will need 120 credits, 45 of which must be completed at Springfield College. In order to earn a Bachelor of Science in Human Services with the community youth development and leadership concentration, you must take the 12 required credits, plus an additional 12 elective credits. Students may take the required and elective courses at Springfield College, or transfer in courses from other regionally accredited higher education institutions. Credits also may be awarded through the experiential learning process.

Recent projects conducted by our community youth development and leadership concentration students include:

- The Effects of Bullying among Pre-Adolescents
- Youth Enhancement for Success (YES): Resources for helping to make adolescents successful
- Understanding and Eradicating Youth Homelessness in Dorchester, Mass.
- Sexual Behavior and Sexual Promiscuity in Adolescent Girls
- Sustainable Impact of Afterschool Childcare Programs on Children's Health and Wellness
- GEAR: Gang Education and Resistance: Encouraging youth in Springfield to find alternatives to joining illegal gangs

“As a Boys and Girls Club leader, I have applied different strategies and concepts from my community youth development and leadership concentration classes that have allowed me to be a more efficient leader and impact many young lives.”

**Thomas Colon '17,
Community Youth Development
and Leadership Concentration**