



Youth Commission  
Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services  
51 High Street, Bristol CT 06010

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Over the past few months our team has been engaged in strategic planning work that included a wholesale review of division programs and services, discussion on the role of the Bristol youth services bureau, analysis on other providers within the Bristol community, and ways to elevate our impact by maximizing our resources. We hired an outside consultant to help facilitate a staff workshop to begin our strategic planning work. A summary report of that workshop is included in your packet and will be the basis of discussion at our next Youth Commission meeting. Staff have continued to work together to advance the strategic work which has resulted in the development of new pillars that more clearly define the critical role Youth and Community Services play in Bristol and how our work is currently uplifting those pillars. A major focus of our Youth Commission will be to kick the tires on the new pillars, discuss the proposed programs and services and have our Youth Commissioners weigh in on some critical questions to help us finalize our plans for 2023-2024 school year. I would ask you to spend some time reviewing both documents and the prompts at the end of the pillars report. Our entire team is excited about the direction of our work and we look forward to hearing from the commission on this strategic direction. As always if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joshua T. Medeiros, Ed.D., CPRE  
**Superintendent of Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services**