

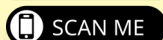
**Give them a second chance. The needs of the youth Diakon serves do not end when they graduate from a Diakon program.** In

fact, this transition often becomes one of great struggles and obstacles to overcome.

Given their new awareness of how to become successful, contributing members of the community and an eagerness to put newly developed skills into practice, they nevertheless face the same challenges and, often, the negative influences that lead them astray in the first place.

The Second Chance Fund represents a way to keep these young people on the path to success. Although our youth now have an intense desire for success, they often lack the financial means to reach their goal. For that reason, we developed the Second Chance Fund—which allows donors to “partner” with young people through this fund to help them overcome obstacles that would otherwise delay their positive growth.

Diakon is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, all gifts you make to Diakon designated for The Second Chance Fund are tax deductible. You can learn more here: [Diakon.org/giving](http://Diakon.org/giving)



## Learn More

### Central Pennsylvania Region

Weekend Alternative Program,  
Bridge Program,  
Center Point Day Program,  
Wilderness Greenhouse & Native-Plant Nursery.  
Group Adventure Challenge & Team Development  
571 Mountain Road  
P.O. Box 10  
Boiling Springs, PA 17007-0010  
(717) 960-6700

### Southeast Pennsylvania Region

Bridge & PREP Programs –  
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Coatesville, PA 19320-2546  
(610) 291-7731  
  
Bridge Program –  
Lancaster County  
(610) 291-7731  
  
Bridge & PREP Programs – York County  
836 S George Street  
York, PA 17403  
(610) 291-7731

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In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, Diakon will demonstrate God's command to love the neighbor through acts of service.

Diakon does not discriminate in admissions, the provision of services or referrals of clients on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, veteran status, disability or any other classes protected by law.



# Youth Services



**DIAKON** YOUTH SERVICES

DIAKON CHILD, FAMILY & COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

## Transforming the Lives of At-Risk Youths



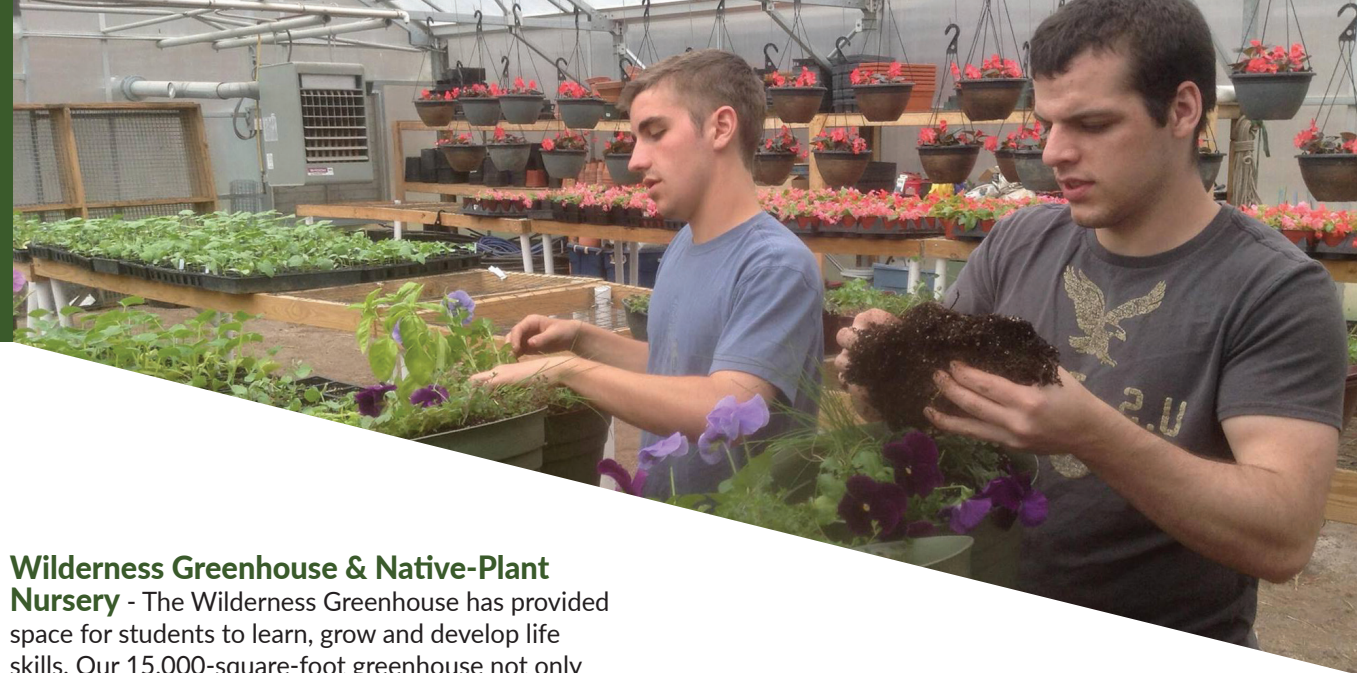
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**Weekend Alternative Program (WAP)** - an alternative to more extensive out-of-community placements or as a first response for youth who have begun to head down the wrong path in life, the Weekend Alternative Program operates Friday through Sunday.

**Bridge Program** - Community-based mentor services. Offers a seven-day community-based alternative and diversion for pre- and post-adjudicated and dependent youth by working collaboratively with county agencies, schools, youth, families and the community. Bridge provides community-based support to address individual needs and environmental factors that may lead to at-risk behaviors.

**Center Point Day Program** - a community-based program that features individualized programming for students who struggle in a traditional school environment.

Participating students choose from either a career and academic approach or a school-based focus. Both offer training and experience in vocational training and employment, evidence-based family and competency development emphases, on-site drug and alcohol/mental health counseling, and therapeutic leadership development through adventure-based activities.



**Wilderness Greenhouse & Native-Plant Nursery** - The Wilderness Greenhouse has provided space for students to learn, grow and develop life skills. Our 15,000-square-foot greenhouse not only houses our horticultural program but also serves as a sort of living machine, recycling and filtering the wilderness center campus wastewater to protect the quality of the Little Dogwood, a small tributary to the Yellow Breeches Creek.

**Group Adventure Challenge & Team Development** - group team building activities at the Diakon Wilderness Center (available to the public).

Studies show that shared experiences build resilient teams. Simply participating in an event with others creates bonds. Throw some added challenge, adventure, and stimulating conversation and the result? An even stronger team with new skills and improved trust and confidence in each other can be achieved.

**PREP (Parenting Relationships and Employability Program)** - offers pro-social and an employability evening reporting model for community connection with pre- and post-adjudicated delinquent and dependent male and female youth ages 13 - 19, while working collaboratively with juvenile probation departments, children youth and families, schools, youth, parents, families, and the community.

**Youthful offenders program** - designed for young adults ages 18 through 25. Its focus is on pre-trial, first-time felony offenders who have been assessed by their home county as potentially able to benefit from a second chance and thus avoid the burden of a felony charge on their record.

