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**The Bridge Youth and Family Services**

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**The Bridge Youth & Family Services Color Walk/Run – Saturday, September 15**

The Bridge Youth and Family Services’s annual Color Run will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Funds raised from this event supports counseling and crisis intervention services, as well as prevention programs for local youth and their families regardless of their ability to pay.

**Aug 30, 2018 (BRIDGE) – Palatine, IL.** The Bridge Youth and Family Services is hosting its annual Color Walk/Run on Saturday, September 15 from 9 :30am – noon. Check-in/Registration opens at 9 :30 and Walk/Run starts at 10 :30. Check-in/Registration is at the Town Square in Palatine, at the corner of Palatine Rd. And Smith St.

The Bridge Youth and Family Services offers youth counseling and crisis intervention services as well as prevention programs which includes: youth mentoring programs, The Bridge’s Youth Council initiative and community education on topics related to youth and families. The Bridge services local children, youth and families in Palatine and surrounding suburbs. The Bridge is contracted by the state to provide crisis intervention services to Palatine, Barrington, Hanover, Schaumburg, Elk Grove and Maine Townships.

Children served by The Bridge have nearly all experienced trauma from being victims of abuse, witnessing domestic violence, or losing a parent to death or incarceration. The Bridge helps them achieve social and emotional health to address these challenges and lead happier more successful lives regardless of their inability to pay for services. The Bridge programs and services are structured to help local youth reach their potential and become better students, employees, neighbors and citizens.

These services would not be available without the participation and generosity of our local volunteers, generous supporters and the Bridge’s 5K Color Walk Run sponsor Superior Candy and Nut Company. The community is only as strong as its local businesses and residents. The Bridge thanks you for your support!

Individuals and Families can register at : [**http://ColorRun.bridgeyouth.org**](http://ColorRun.bridgeyouth.org).

For more information about the programs and services offered, please visit The Bridge’s website at [www.bridgeyouth.org](http://www.bridgeyouth.org).

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**About The Bridge Youth and Family Services:**

The Bridge Youth & Family Services exists to help kids and families overcome challenges and trauma to lead happier, more successful lives regardless of their ability to pay for services. Their mission is to help young people and their families achieve social and emotional health. The Bridge is known as the premiere agency for counseling, prevention, and crisis intervention services in the northwest suburban Chicago area. For more information about The Bridge’s mission or services, please visit [www.bridgeyouth.org](http://www.bridgeyouth.org).