

Teen Center & Penobscot Bay YMCA Merger Information

Why is the merger taking place?

The Teen Center and the Penobscot Bay YMCA have complementary missions. While the YMCA provides programming and services to the residents of Knox County and Lincolnville, the Teen Center primarily serves the teens of Camden and Rockport. Through a merger, these two organizations recognize an opportunity to strengthen both of their efforts to serve area youth. Where the Teen Center has weaknesses the YMCA possesses strengths and vice versa. In today's economic climate, organizations are seeking ways to navigate toward a sustainable future. The merging of the Teen Center into the operations of the Penobscot Bay YMCA will help ensure that area teens continue to have a safe and comfortable environment for developing their spirits, minds and bodies.

What is going to happen to the Teen Center once the merger has taken place?

The YMCA will continue to offer Teen Center programs and services without interruption and with as few changes as possible. Hours of operation, populations served, programs and program staff will not change.

What does the future look like for the Teen Center and YMCA?

The YMCA envisions providing youth in our region with seamless participation in activities at both the current Teen Center and YMCA facilities. Shuttle service and staff-sharing will facilitate programming opportunities that were not possible before the merger. In addition, the YMCA plans to maximize the Teen Center's facilities to better serve the community and to generate operating revenue, further securing the future of the teen programs as we know them. The YMCA will also assume all administrative functions for the Teen Center including administration, development work, maintenance and volunteer governance. Current Teen Center Executive Director, Marcia Roberts will assume the role of Development and Marketing Director for the YMCA and will continue to play a large role in securing funding for teen activities.