

# UCS News Release

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## Free Skate at Riley Rink to Promote Making Good Choices

Bennington and Manchester, Vt. — United Counseling Service is sponsoring a free skate at Riley Rink that includes great giveaways, games, and lots of fun. Cosponsoring organizations include The Collaborative, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Southshire Substance Abuse Coalition, and DuFour Tours.

Friday, November 6, students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will be admitted free-of-charge to skate at Riley Rink in Manchester from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m.

Middle School Students from any school in Bennington County and adjacent areas will be admitted for the free program. Skate rentals are not included. Students will be asked to provide a school ID except for 6th graders.

“This is a Refuse to Use makeup event for students in the Refuse to Use Program,” The Collaborative Director Jennifer Flannery said. “We’ll have several games going to reinforce good choices and healthy behaviors.”

“At UCS, we treat people with substance abuse problems,” Community Relations Director Robert Pini said. “But preventing substance abuse in the first place is our goal.”

The free skate is one of a series of events that offers area youth a healthy, substance-free social alternative.

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