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Northern Rivers to Break Ground on Behavioral Health Care Center

ALBANY, NY — Northern Rivers Family of Services will host a groundbreaking ceremony for a new \$10 million Behavioral Health Care Center on their Academy Road campus Tuesday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.

The 26,000 square-foot center, which will replace an existing building, will be home to a comprehensive array of integrated services designed to improve outcomes for children and families throughout the greater Capital Region. A grand opening is planned for spring 2019.

The center will provide outpatient and inpatient mental health services, primary care, Medicaid care management, crisis stabilization, psychological assessments, and substance abuse treatment. It will also replace the organization's existing Residential Treatment Facility, a New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) inpatient treatment program, and house Mobile Crisis Response Team members who address mental health crises in the community.

"With all of these services integrated under one roof, children and families will receive the right concentration of care at the right time. The Behavioral Health Care Center will truly be a one-stop location for families in crisis, and it will help keep kids safely in the community with their families," said William Gettman, CEO of Northern Rivers.

Northern Rivers was awarded a \$4.2 million capital grant for the project from the state's Medicaid Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program, an initiative designed to help decrease Medicaid costs while safely reducing emergency room visits in the community. SEFCU is providing project financing, and the organization has launched a capital campaign.

The project team includes BBL Construction Services, WCGS Architects, Hershberg & Hershberg Consulting Engineers, Huston Engineering, and Regent Design Services, and is under the oversight of the New York State Office of Mental Health and Department of Health.

About Northern Rivers Family of Services:

Founded where the Mohawk and Hudson meet, like the rivers that shaped our region, Northern Rivers Family of Services helps change lives by shaping the future of those we serve throughout the Capital Region and beyond. Comprised of parent company Northern Rivers and member agencies Northeast Parent & Child Society and Parsons Child & Family Center, we are a family of human service agencies who work together and are committed to helping children, adults, and families. Our quality of care, depth of programs, combined size and passion for the mission make us a leading provider. Informed by our 188-year heritage, our 1,400-strong workforce provides services for 16,000 children, adults, and families throughout 35 counties in New York state. For more information, call 518.426.2600 or visit northernrivers.org.

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