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Our Impact in Schenectady County

Providing life-changing care since 1888

We began serving the people of Schenectady in 1888 as the Home for Destitute Children, a residence formed by a group of concerned women committed to helping Schenectady's disadvantaged youths. Today we operate residential, clinical, educational, and administrative facilities throughout Schenectady County.

Residential Services

- Park Place, a 24-bed residential program with units designed to deliver multiple levels of care
- \checkmark the Schaffer Children's Program, a short-term residential diagnostic unit for young children located inside the Park Place building
- the Zoller group home
- independent living apartments \checkmark

Education Services

- School at Northeast, an 853 special education facility serving 130+ students in drades 6-12
- Early Learning Center, offering Early Head Start, preschool, and daycare services to more than 100 low-income Schenectady families

Behavioral Health Services

- The Behavioral Health Center is a NYS Office of Mental Health-licensed outpatient counseling facility serving the public
- \checkmark School-Based Behavioral Health offices, with 15 offices serving 9 districts, provides NYS Office of Mental Health-licensed outpatient counseling to students in the school building

School-Based Offices

Mohonasen Central School District	
 Draper Middle School 	

Schenectady City School District - Mont Pleasant Middle School

- [- Mohonasen High School

- Niskayuna High School

Niskayuna Central School District

- Pleasant Valley Elementary School

Crisis Response Services

- Youth ACT provides rehabilitation and support services for youth in Schenectady County who struggle with serious and persistent mental illness
- Mobile Crisis Services provides rapid-response multidisciplinary care to help children, adolescents, and adults avoid unnecessary emergency room visits and hospitalization

Community-based programs, including case management, prevention, foster care, supervised visitation, parent education, and clinical services for children and families, are located at multiple Schenectady offices and serve thousands of people each year.

The Sexual Abuse Treatment Program (SATP), for child victims and nonoffending family members dealing with the effects of sexual abuse, is located at Franklin Street.

Foster Care provides comprehensive support for foster children, foster parents, and biological family to work toward reunification and permanency goals. Northern Rivers currently supports 12 foster homes in Schenectady County.

Our Challenge

Residents and students face a spectrum of mental, emotional, behavioral, and social challenges, and are placed with us by their county or school district because they feel we are the right place for them to receive care.

Staff are trained and then receive ongoing training to diffuse conflict and deescalate crises, including Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI) training and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) training.