

2025 Dutchess County Helping Our Families Guide



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Dutchess County 24/7 Crisis Services

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis, we are here to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

CALL or TEXT HELPLINE: (845) 485-9700
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WALK IN @ The Stabilization Center
230 North Road · Poughkeepsie, NY (845) 486-2849



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Dedicated in memory of Kathy Decker, CCSI Family Advocate*





WELCOME TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY RESOURCE GUIDE

Dutchess County remains committed to providing comprehensive effective and meaningful services and support for children, young adults, caregivers, and families to address their needs. These services are designed and provided to build upon individual strengths and to create sustainable partnerships among family members and providers to influence positive change and outcomes. This array of services is referred to as our System of Care and youth, caregivers, child-serving organizations, and educators work collaboratively to promote and achieve social, emotional, and academic success.

Core Values and Principles:

- Empathizes safety and well-being of everyone – Services support and engage individuals with ongoing assessment and interventions to ensure safety for all.
- Family and youth driven with voice and choice – Services are provided with mutual respect and meaningful partnership between families and professionals at all levels. Ongoing partnership remains central with youth, families, caregivers, and providers in the planning and delivery of services, · Early identification, intervention and community based – Services are delivered in the least restrictive environment, drawing on formal and informal resources to achieve successful outcomes.
- Individualized & Strength-based: Services acknowledge each child and family's unique set of strengths and challenges and build care plans that optimize those strengths while meeting the challenges.
- Culturally and Linguistically Responsive: Services are provided by individuals who have the skills to recognize and respect the behavior, ideas, attitudes, values, beliefs, customs, language, rituals, ceremonies and practices characterized by a particular group of people
- Interagency Collaborations – County and provider agency transparency in sharing of information to increase knowledge and understanding of programs, services, eligibility, availability, and any changes/revisions that impact the delivery of such services.
- Continuous Quality Improvement - The System of Care participates in systematic review of goals, objectives, services, and delivery of services to improve overall outcomes.

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[CDC – CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION](#)

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CDC is the nation's leading science-based, data-driven, service organization that protects the public's health. For more than 70 years, we've put science into action to help children stay healthy so they can grow and learn; to help families, businesses, and communities fight disease and stay strong; and to protect the public's health.

[STATEWIDE RESOURCES](#)

Mental Health & Emotional Support

[New York State Office of Mental Health Website](#)

Office of Mental Health Emotional Support Line: 1-844-863-9314

The Emotional Support Line provides free and confidential support, helping callers experiencing increased anxiety due to the coronavirus emergency. The Help Line is staffed by volunteers, including mental health professionals, who have received training in crisis counseling. **If you need immediate medical assistance, please dial 911.** **Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:** Dial 988

New York State Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-942-6906

Crisis Text Line: Text "Got5" to 741-741

Frontline worker? Text "FRONTLINENY" to 741-741 for specialized support

State and City Resources:

- [Visit the NY Connects Statewide Resource Directory](#) website.
- [Visit the New York State Office for the Aging](#) to learn more about aging resources throughout New York State.
- [Visit the Front Door Program](#) of the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities to learn more about services for people with developmental disabilities in New York State.
- [Visit the New York State Office of Mental Health](#) to learn more about mental health programs in New York State.
- [Visit the Independent Consumer Advocacy Network](#) website of the New York State Department of Health for additional information about your New York Managed Long Term Care Plan and discuss any problems you may be having with your plan.
- [Visit the NY Medicaid Choice website](#), New York State's managed care enrollment program, for information on available health care plan choices.
- [Visit the Department of Health](#) website to learn more about other New York State public health initiatives.
- [Visit the New York City Human Resources Administration](#) website to learn more about New York City's major public assistance programs and benefits.
- [Visit the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities](#) for more information about New York City's various accessibility programs.

- [Visit the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene](#) to learn more about New York City's many public health initiatives.
- [Visit NY's My Benefits website](#) to learn more about and/or enroll in government programs like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.
- [Visit NYC's ACCESS NYC](#), an online public screening tool that you can use to determine the City, State and Federal health and human service benefit programs for which you are potentially eligible to enroll.
- [Visit the New York State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program](#) for more information.
- [Visit the NY State of Health website](#) to learn about NY's Health Exchange.

[Dutchess County Legislature](#)

The Dutchess County Legislature's mission through open and transparent government is to provide efficient, effective, and reliable resources to enhance the health, safety, and quality of life of the citizens of Dutchess County.

CountyLegislature@DutchessNY.gov

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Poughkeepsie NY 12601

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[Your Dutchess County Legislators](#)

For further information about an individual legislator, click or tap on the legislator's name.

[Find information about your legislative district by visiting Address Info-Finder](#)

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[Commission on Human Rights](#)

Dutchess County is committed to ensuring our community is inclusive and respectful for all, with the human rights of every individual protected and championed.

The mission of the Commission on Human Rights Commission is defending human rights, bridging differences and embracing diversity.

If you believe you have a human rights issue, please contact us so that we can discuss the situation with you and help you decide the best course of action. This may include, but is not limited to, filing a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights (DHR) White Plains office.

Contact information

DCHumanRights@DutchessNY.gov

845-486-2836

Commission on Human Rights

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

To Report a Hate or Bias Incident: If you have experienced a hate or bias incident, you can confidentially report it to the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights by: emailing us at dchumanrights@dutchessny.gov or calling 845-486-2836. If this is an emergency, contact 911. If you think that the incident may be a hate crime you may also contact local law enforcement, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office 845-486-3800 and/or the NYS Hate Crimes Hotline 1-888-392-3644.



DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Nursing Services Dutchess County provides a variety of nursing services through the Department of Behavioral & Community Health including Licensed Home Care Services for mothers and their children.

Licensed Home Care Services Agency ([.pdf brochure](#)) Information about eligibility, services, fees, maternal, infant, and child home visits, and lead poisoning prevention.

Maternal and Child Home Visiting Program Public Health Nurses are available to provide comprehensive home-based services, to families, that start during pregnancy or after a child is born. Home visits provide education, support, and case management services to assist parents with the healthy development of their child, including breastfeeding. Call (845) 486-3419.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Public Health Nurses provide individual case management and follow-up to children with elevated blood lead levels. Environmental investigations are also available. Call (845) 486-3419. Additional information is available on our [Lead Poisoning Prevention page](#).

Perinatal Hepatitis B Program Public Health Nurses provide individual case management and follow-up to infants born to mothers who are Hepatitis B positive. Call (845) 486-3419.

Children with Special Healthcare Needs ([Brochure .pdf](#)) It is a referral service for families with health and related concerns. It includes the Children with Special Health Care Needs program and the Physically Handicapped Children's Program.

The Children with Special Health Care Needs Program refers children ages birth to 21 who are diagnosed or at risk for a developmental delay or disability that:

- Affects a child physically, behaviorally, or intellectually.
- Is ongoing or chronic.
- Requires health or health-related interventions beyond what a typical developing child would need.

Call for more information: 845-486-3419

Children/Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) also see page 61

CYSHCN is a statewide public health program that provides information and referral services for health and related resources to families of CYSHCN.

CYSHCNHSS (Children & Youth Special Health Care Needs Support Services) also offers financial assistance for medically and financially eligible children between the ages of 0-21. The youth/family must have inadequate private insurance, or no health insurance. (*"Funded by the New York State Department of Health using federal Health Resources and Services Administration Title V funding. The opinions, results, findings and/or interpretations of content contained therein are the responsibility of the Contractor and do not necessarily represent the opinions, interpretations, or policy of the State or Federal funding agency."*)

Contact the Dutchess County DBCH Public Health Nursing office for more information at 845-486-3419.

Children with Special Needs

[Early Intervention Program](#)

Families with infants and toddlers who have special needs may be eligible to receive services to enhance the child's growth and development. **Call 845-486-3518 for referrals.**

[Preschool Special Education Program](#)

Services are provided for children with special needs, ages 3-5, in conjunction with the family's school district. Call your local school district's [Committee for Preschool Education](#) for referrals.

For more information about the program, call 845-486-2759

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES



Dutchess County Healthy Families

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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EFax: (845) 633-5783

Dutchess County Healthy Families (DCHF):

Eligibility: Pregnant or parenting families, adopting families

Healthy Families New York (HFNY) is a free and voluntary home visiting program designed to provide support to families that are pregnant, or at birth, through age five. DCHF program supports families until the child is 5 years old or entering school. DCHF program has highly trained supportive staff to make visits to your home, provide information, and support your family around:

- Information about pregnancy, breastfeeding, newborn care, and parental bonding
- Information on your baby's health and development
- Healthy coping strategies for stressful parenting situations
- Your health and development through pregnancy and the postpartum period
- Understanding child development milestones and behaviors
- Breastfeeding and caring for your baby
- Encouragement with positive parenting techniques
- Connecting parents to community resources

Contact: Brittney Belchier-Green, Senior Family Support Specialist at 845-417-4248 or Bbelchier-green@institute.org



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Perinatal and Infant Community Health Collaboratives (PICHC):

Perinatal and Infant Community Health Collaborative (PICHC) of Dutchess and Ulster Counties seeks to support women and their families in achieving optimal health outcomes through connecting families to supportive services within their community. No matter what stage of your life you are at—pregnant, postpartum, or have a child under 2 years old – we have services for you! Our free and confidential services aim to keep you healthy and give you the care you need.

The PICHC program provides short-term case management aimed to connect you to community supportive services. If you are a woman between the ages of 15-45, who lives in Dutchess and Ulster Counties, we can help!

****We offer bilingual services as well – También ofrecemos servicios bilingües**** Our staff can connect you and your family to services that can help with:

- Health insurance enrollment and recertification
- Access to health care and finding medical providers
- Assistance with applying for public assistance and financial programs
- Family planning assistance and providing information about Reproductive Health
- Connection to emergency and supportive services (housing, food, clothing, employment, education, health, safety and more)
- Pregnancy and parenting support
- Breastfeeding support

- Linkages to mental health/counseling, substance use treatment, and domestic violence services
Eligibility: Pregnant or parenting families with child under 2

Short-term case management program aimed to connect women to community supportive services.

Contact: Danielle Sinclaire, PICHC Program Coordinator, at 845-519-4249, DSinclaire@institute.org.



Dutchess County Early Intervention Program

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
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The Dutchess County Early Intervention Program supports parents in achieving their goals to nurture and enhance their child's development.

Does Your Child Need Early Intervention (EI)?

Skills, like taking a first step, smiling for the first time and waving “bye-bye” are called milestones. To find out if your child’s development is on track or if you should refer your child to the Early Intervention Program, review the developmental milestones for your child’s age.

If an evaluation is needed, we will identify your child’s strengths and needs, and address concerns about your child’s development. Evaluations are done at no cost to you.

Who Can Be Referred to the Dutchess County Early Intervention Program (EIP)?

Infants and toddlers from birth through 2-years and 6-months of age who:

- Live in Dutchess County and are suspected of having a developmental delay or disability.
- Have a diagnosed physical or mental condition that is likely to result in a developmental delay.

Children must be found eligible to receive services.

It is highly recommended that children who are 2-years and 6-months of age, or older be referred to the Committee for Preschool Special Education (CPSE), under the Department of Education for preschool special education.

Please contact the CPSE office for the school district in which you reside. If you are not sure what school district you live in, our Address Info-Finder can provide you with school district information and more.

Who Can Refer to the EIP?

Infants and toddlers up to 2-years and 6-months old can be referred by anyone with parental consent (family, doctors, social service workers, childcare workers, community agencies) by calling **845-486-3518**.

For more information about EI services elsewhere in New York State, call the Growing Up Healthy 24-hour hotline at **800-522-5006**.

What Happens When a Child is Referred to the EIP?

When a child is referred to the EIP, an Initial Service Coordinator is assigned to the case and assists the family through the process.

If the evaluation shows your child is eligible:

- An Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) meeting will be held to develop goals and a plan that meets your child's developmental needs.
- Service providers (teachers and therapists) will work with your child and family during daily routines.
- The Ongoing Service Coordinator will work with your family to ensure the plan is working.

[Early Intervention Parent Guide - English](#)

[Early Intervention Parent Guide - Spanish](#)

Will My Child be "Labeled" or "Classified"?

Participation in Early Intervention does not "label" a child.

If your child continues to need services after Early Intervention, the NYS Education Department requires that the classification of "preschooler with a disability" be given to all children entering the Preschool Special Education Program. This classification satisfies regulatory requirements and allows payment for services.

Your child's record may only be transferred to the kindergarten program in the school district in which your child is enrolled, with your consent.

What Services are Available?

The Early Intervention Program offers many types of services that are aimed at meeting your child's developmental needs, and to help parents meet these needs.

The following services are included in the Individualized Family Service Plan:

- Assistive technology services and devices
- Audiology
- Family training, counseling, home visits and parent support groups
- Health services needed for your child to benefit from other early intervention services
- Medical services only for diagnostic or evaluation purposes
- Nursing services
- Nutrition services
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Psychological services
- Social work services
- Special instruction
- Speech-language pathology
- Vision services

How Are Early Intervention Services Provided?

Only qualified professionals licensed, certified, or registered in their discipline, and approved by New York State may deliver early intervention services. All early intervention services can be given using any of the following service models:

Home and community-based visits

Services are given to a child and/or parent or other family member or caregiver at home or in the community (such as a relative's home, child care center, family day care home, play group, library story hour or other places parents go with their children).

Facility or center-based visits

Services are given to a child and/or parent or other family member or caregiver where the service provider works (such as an office, hospital, clinic or early intervention center).

Parent-child groups Parents and children get services together in a group led by a service provider. A parent-child group can happen anywhere in the community.

Family support groups: Parents, grandparents, siblings or other relatives of the child get together in a group led by a service provider for help and support and to share concerns and information.

Group developmental intervention: Children receive services in a group setting led by a service provider or providers without parents or caregivers. A group means two or more children who are eligible for early intervention services. The group can include children without disabilities and can happen anywhere in the community.

Do I Need to Worry About Costs?

No. If your child is eligible for the Early Intervention Program, services must be provided at no cost to you.

Families are required to provide information about health insurance, including private insurance and Medicaid, as it is used to pay for early intervention services.

New York State law protects family insurance policies from being affected by payments for early intervention services. Your insurance policy can only be used if your insurance company is licensed or regulated by New York State.

How is Eligibility Decided?

All referred children have the right to a free evaluation to find out if they are eligible for services. The evaluation will also help you to better understand your child's strengths and needs and how early intervention can help.

Even if your child has a diagnosed condition, they will still need a multidisciplinary evaluation to help plan for services.

If your child has a delay in development – and no diagnosed condition – the evaluation is needed to find out if your child is eligible for the Early Intervention Program.

Your child's development will be measured according to the "definition of developmental delay" set by New York State.

What if a Child is Not Eligible for the EIP?

Dutchess County Child Find Program can offer continued monitoring to address concerns regarding your child's development.

Not all children with delays are eligible for Early Intervention. There are community resources and agencies that may be able to provide you with appropriate support and assistance.

What Are My Rights and Responsibilities As a Parent?

The Dutchess County Early Intervention Program (EIP) recognizes that your family is an essential part of the Early Intervention team. The program will do its best to meet the needs of your family and your child.

- Your family has rights guaranteed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as follows:
- You have the right to say yes or no to having your child screened or evaluated.
- You have the right to choose the evaluator and ongoing service coordinator.
- You have the right to say yes or no to any EI service without risking your right to other services.
- You have the right to look at and request a change to your child's written record.
- You have the right to keep information about your family private.
- You have the right to take part in, and ask other people of your choice to attend, all meetings where decisions will be made about changes in your child's evaluation or services.
- You have the right to an explanation of how your insurance may be used to pay for early intervention services.
- You have the right to due process (appeal) procedures – mediation, impartial hearing or systems complaint to resolve concerns.

If you have concerns or do not agree with a decision:

Discuss your concern with your Ongoing Service Coordinator who will explain your options and rights in further detail.

You can call your Early Intervention Official Designee (EIOD) for additional assistance in the resolution process.

If you believe your Early Intervention Official Designee, service provider, or service coordinator is not doing their job under the law – (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)) you can contact the Coordinator of Services for Children with Special Needs at (845) 486-2759.

You have the right to:

Due Process - If you still have a concern or disagreement, you can appeal the decision by requesting:

Mediation

Your Service Coordinator can help request mediation as a way for you to discuss your concerns and reach agreement with a mediator and the Early Intervention Program.

Impartial Hearing

This is a more formal method carried out by hearing officers who are administrative law judges (ALJs) assigned by the New York State Department of Health. The ALJs make the final decision about the complaint.

Systems Complaints

This requests the NYS Department of Health to investigate how the Early Intervention Program is working. If you believe your Early Intervention Official, service provider or service coordinator is not doing his/her job under the law - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - you can contact the Coordinator of Services for Children with Special Needs at (845) 486-2759.

Dutchess County Early Intervention- Child Find Program

The program is designed to identify, track and screen children from birth to age three who may be “at risk” for developmental delays or disabilities. A Child Find Specialist will provide developmental monitoring through periodic parent contact and assessment of Ages & Stages parent questionnaires. Families will be offered information and suggestions on strategies they can use to address their child’s developmental milestones and assistance in locating community resources.



ASTOR HEAD START

Head Start is a federally funded preschool program serving low-income children and children with disabilities. Head Start is free to children who qualify. There are two program options:

- Home-based program option
 - Prenatal to 5 years old
 - Weekly 90-minute home visits

- Center-based program option
 - 18 months to 5 years old
 - Monday – Friday
 - 5 – 6.5 hours a day

Goals:

- Help development social and emotional competence of young children
- Implement strategies that promote school readiness
- Provide comprehensive family engagement services
- Promote health, mental health support, and development screenings
- Collaborate with community resources to support the families and program

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845-296-1879*

Astor Early Childhood Programs

Astor operates all the Head Start Programs in Dutchess County. Head Start is a federally funded program for children from low-income families. It is a preschool developmental program of early childhood education and ancillary services including health (physical, dental, mental), nutrition, and social services, with extensive parental involvement and participation. Children with disabilities are served within a fully integrated setting with non-disabled children.

Head Start Program (Available at all Astor Dutchess County early childhood locations)

The goal of Astor’s Head Start Program is to provide a comprehensive child development program for children, ages 3 to 5, from low-income families in Dutchess county.

Early Head Start Program (Available at all Astor Dutchess County early childhood locations)

The goal of Astor's Early Head Start Program is to provide comprehensive child development services to young children, ages 0 to 3, and their families.

Preschool Special Education Programs

Special Class Integrated Services are offered at the Mt. Alvernia, Poughkeepsie, Beacon and Wingdale locations. The goal of this program is to provide a stimulating preschool program to children with disabilities by integrating disabled and non-disabled children in an inclusive classroom setting.

Special Class serves the Mid-Hudson Region at our Beacon and Poughkeepsie locations. The goal of this program is to provide special education and therapeutic services in a self-contained classroom for children whose disability causes behavior management needs.

Therapeutic Preschool serves the Mid-Hudson Region at our Poughkeepsie location. The goal of this program is to provide educational and therapeutic services for children with emotional disturbances and/or behavioral problems who require a structured day program. We want to enable the child to return to a less restrictive pre-school setting.

Special Services:

Special Class Integrated Setting (SCIS) – Provides Special Education services within a 5-hour, 5-day a week, Head Start integrated classroom.

Available at: Mt. Alvernia, Beacon, Wingdale, and Poughkeepsie

1:8:2 – This is a 5-hour, 5 day a week program in a self-contained classroom.

Available at Beacon and Poughkeepsie locations

12:1:2 – This is a 5 hour, 5 day a week program in a self-contained classroom.

Available at Beacon location

Therapeutic Preschool – Designed for children with significant needs in social and emotional skills. Integration of education and clinical models. 5-hours, 5 day a week program.

Available at Poughkeepsie location

Bright Steps Toddler Room – Provides Early Intervention services within a 6.5 hour, 5 day a week Early Head Start integrated classroom.

Available at Mt. Alvernia locations

To Participate:

Eligibility is generally based on family income at or below the poverty level according to the Poverty Guidelines (guidelines are updated yearly) published by the federal government. Children in foster care, children experiencing homelessness, and children from families receiving public assistance (TANF or SSI only) are eligible regardless of income.

Documentation needed:

- Proof of income – paystubs, Income Tax Return (form – 1040 or W2), employer letter, unemployment, social security, etc.
- Birth Certificate
- Medical Insurance Card
- Copy of child’s current physical & immunizations record

- [Child Care Employment Questionnaire \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Verification of Household \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Child Care Subsidy Fact Sheet \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Acknowledgement of Income \(.pdf\)](#)

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

Department of Community and Family Services

60 Market Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Phone: 845- 486-3000 Fax: 845-486-3090

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/childcare/ccap/#qualify>

Childcare Subsidy The New York State Office of Children and Family Services’ Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP) provides eligible families across New York State with financial assistance for childcare. CCAP promotes early childhood learning and development while allowing parents/caretakers to work, get training or go to school. The CCAP is administered by local departments of social services (LDSSs) in 57 counties and NYC.

Level of Eligibility per Family Size (based on federal poverty level valid as of 10/1/2023)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Annual	\$51,610	\$67,490	\$83,370	\$99,250	\$115,130	\$131,010

For families with more than 7 people, information on income limits can be found on the website.

To apply for a Childcare Subsidy, you must file an application packet. The packet can be downloaded, picked up any DCFS location (60 Market St, Poughkeepsie 12601, Eastern Dutchess Government Center, 131 County House Rd, Millbrook NY 12545, or Beacon Center, 223 Main St, Beacon, NY 12508) or call **845.486.3190** for a packet to be mailed to you.

[List of necessary documents for determining eligibility \(pdf\)](#)

Application Packet:

- [Application for Child Care Assistance \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Absent Parent's Ability to Provide Child Care \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Child Care Enrollment Form \(.pdf\)](#)
- [Shelter Verification](#)
- [Low Income Day Care Policy Statement for Parents and Caretakers \(.pdf\)](#)



The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam Counties

301 Manchester Road, Suite 201A Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Phone: 845-473-4141 Fax: [\(845\) 473-4161](#) Toll Free: [\(888\) 288-4148](#)

Monday - Friday 9AM - 5PM

The Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam, Inc. works to promote affordable and quality child care, provide information and support to families, and strengthen the early childhood workforce in Dutchess and Putnam Counties.

Child Care Services- Learn about different child care options. Call the Council's Child Care Referral Service for referrals that meet your needs. The child care counselors are familiar with NYS regulated child care programs/centers and homes in Dutchess and Putnam counties. The child care options are for children 6 weeks through 12 years of age and in some instances, may be appropriate and referred for older children.

Dutchess and Putnam Infant Toddler Network Team New York State's Infant & toddler Resource Network continues to grow exponentially. The network is comprised of Infant & Toddler Specialists (ITS) & Infant Toddler Mental Health Consultants (ITMHC) who work collaboratively with childcare providers to provide tools to high quality care for NY's Infants & Toddlers

Child Care Service

- [Find Child Care](#)

- [Medicaid](#)
- [Child Health Plus](#)
- [Family Health Plus](#)
- [Healthy NY](#)
- [Child Care Subsidy](#)
- [Food Benefits](#)
- [Parent Education Opportunities](#)

Child Care and Parenting Information

- [Child Care Aware of America \(formerly NACCRRA\)](#)
 - [Child Care Aware Parent Network](#)
 - [Child Health Plus](#)
 - [EarlyChildhood.org](#)
 - [Early Care & Learning Council \(ECLC\)](#)
 - [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#)
 - [National Association for Family Child Care \(NAFCC\)](#)
 - [National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care](#)
 - [National Women's Law Center](#)
 - [New York State Office of Family & Children Services \(OCFS\)](#)
 - [Zero to Three](#)
- [Child Care Aware of America \(formerly NACCRRA\)](#) Child Care Aware of America is the national network of child care resource and referral agencies. Their goal is to make sure that affordable, quality child care is available to all families. They have many resources for parents looking for care.
 - [Child Care Aware Parent Network](#) Child Care Aware Parent Network is a free online community where everyone who cares about the quality of child care can interact and take action. Sign up for free newsletters and webinars.
 - [Child Health Plus](#) Child Health Plus is a New York State health insurance plan for children. Depending on your family's income, your child may be able to join this plan. Both Children's Medicaid and Child Health Plus are available through many insurance providers in New York. Call 1-800-698-4543 for more information.
 - [EarlyChildhood.org](#) EarlyChildhood.org supports professional development. Its goal is to improve the quality of early childhood and school-age programs. This website has information for those thinking about a career in these areas. It also has information for providers looking to advance their careers.

- [Early Care & Learning Council \(ECLC\)](#)
The ECLC is a statewide organization that works to increase the quality, affordability and capacity of the early care and learning field and does so through training and technical assistance, data management and advocacy initiatives.
- [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#)This association has the latest information on NAEYC's conferences and publications. It also has information on accreditation, advocacy, policy issues, and NAEYC membership.
- [National Association for Family Child Care \(NAFCC\)](#)
NAFCC works to support family child care providers. NAFCC promotes high-quality family child care through accreditation, leadership training, technical assistance, public education, and policy initiatives.
- [National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care](#)
This center has information for parents and providers. It includes articles on healthy weight in children, day care regulations and other health and safety topics.

1-800-598-KIDS (5437)
- [National Women's Law Center](#)
The goal of this site is to protect and improve the progress of women and girls at work, in school, and in every part of their lives. They can help with a variety of legal issues.
- [New York State Office of Family & Children Services \(OCFS\)](#)
OCFS supports the well-being and safety of our children, families and communities. OCFS has many services including foster care, adoption, child protective services, services for pregnant teenagers and child care regulations. Call with questions (845) 708-2400.
- [Zero to Three](#)Zero to Three is an organization whose goal is to promote the healthy development of babies and toddlers.

Tiffinie Helweg 845.473.4141 ext 217

thelweg@childcaresdutchess.org

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Community Family Development (CFD) is the largest non-profit day care center in Poughkeepsie in the heart of the demographic population it serves, providing affordable childcare for inner city families; established in 1971 it is the only center offering all services from infant to school-age care. CFD is open from 7am- 530pm Monday thru Friday and is licensed by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

Infant Program (6 Weeks to 18 Months)

CFD is the one of the only local day care centers with infant care. Babies need to develop basic trust, which enables them to begin exploring and learning about their environment. In the infant room, we focus on nurturing and predictable care to create a safe, welcoming environment. Infants have the opportunity to see, hear, feel, touch, and move. Language development is supported by responsive interactions, singing, and reading aloud. Our Infant Program is one of three classrooms that is part of the Babies Step Forward Program. In partnership with Westchester CoOperative Opportunity Program, CFD provides an Early Head Start Model curriculum for our youngest of learners.

A young child and his/her family may be considered eligible for WestCOP's Head Start (ages 3-5 years) or Early Head Start / Babies Step Forward (6 weeks-3 years) programs provided that they meet the necessary requirements. A family whose income is at or below the Federal poverty guidelines, or a family who receives TANF would be eligible to enroll children in our Early Head Start programs. Any child who is considered to be homeless or who has been placed in foster care is automatically eligible to attend and of our Early Childhood programs. Children with suspected or documented disabilities may also be eligible for enrollment. A percentage of families whose income falls above the poverty level may be considered for enrollment once outreach has been conducted to children and families in the community who meet the stated requirements.

Toddler Program(18 Months to 3 Years)

Toddlers start to move and explore more independently. They are learning to sort out objects in their world and communicate their needs. Our age-appropriate activities introduce reading and numbers, using rhyming, music, and sound. Your little tots develop personal expression through art, movement, and beginning dramatic play. Our Toddler program is also part of the Babies Step Forward Program, offering developmental assessments for our growing children and family supports and social services for those in need. For more information about Babies Step Forward, please visit <https://westcop.org/programs/early-childhood/babies-step-forward/>

Preschool & Pre-K Program (3 & 4 Years)

Our preschool program teaches early literacy and mathematics using a variety of activities and projects. We present opportunities to learn beginning skills involving the alphabet and numbers. Emphasis is on teaching problem-solving skills, expanding knowledge, and increasing vocabulary. In learning centers, children begin to work in small groups on projects as their social skills increase.

School Age Enrichment Program (5 to 12 Years)

We complete the continuum by developing social skills, personal responsibility, and exploring personal interests. Enrichment activities include homework tutoring, books, arts and crafts, outdoor games, team sports, and an on-site garden. During the school year, transportation is provided to and from school. Care is also available on school-free days and during summer vacation.

Our School Age Enrichment Program is available for before and afterschool care for Early Learning Center @ Smith School Students, Morse Elementary students and Kreiger Elementary Students. Our program also offers full day care when Poughkeepsie Central School District has school closure days.

EDUCATION

[New York State Education Department](#)

For specific information regarding your child/adolescent's educational needs or questions please refer to your individual school district website or contact information located within this guide.

School Registration/Transfer - Parents/Guardians may check on the school's website for the pre-registration forms and documents necessary to enroll a child. If the pre-registration forms cannot be located, please call the intended school,

Home Instruction -The school district maintains that a child who is educated at home should receive an education in a manner consistent with an educational plan and at least substantially equivalent to that given to minors of like age and attainments in the local public schools. The required subjects should be taught in a competent, systematic and sequential manner, specifically in relation to the basic core curriculum of reading, mathematics and writing. The Superintendent shall develop appropriate regulations and procedures in accordance with State Requirements.

Homebound Instruction provided by the School District - Homebound instruction is provided to students who are absent for two weeks or more due to documented medical or psychiatric illness. Prior approval via the Office of Pupil Personnel Services is required and is made on a case by case basis. Students in kindergarten are not eligible for homebound instruction. Homebound instruction is intended to provide continuity for the student while he/she is absent from school but is not intended to fully duplicate the education the student would receive while attending school.

Disciplinary Procedures If your child has misbehaved in school and the disciplinary action has reached the point of suspension, the School District is required to: Notify the parent/guardian immediately. Send out a letter to the child's home within a 24 hour period notifying the parent/guardian that the child has been suspended.

Students in Mainstream Education - If a regular education student has been suspended multiple times or is actively in trouble, they are sent out a letter regarding a *Superintendents' Conference*. This meeting is a preventive meeting as a warning to the *Superintendents' Hearing*. The *Superintendents' Hearing* is held to determine whether or not permanent suspension is needed. The *Superintendents' Hearing* also can be called if a student has committed a major violent incident.

Students in Special Education - If a student has a disciplinary violation the district will send out a letter for a *Superintendents' Hearing*, but notice will also be sent out regarding a Manifestation Determination/Emergency CSE Meeting. The CSE will determine whether the school placement is effective or if a new placement needs to be considered. The *Superintendents Hearing* looks at the last suspension that the child received and asks if it was done in accordance with the student's handicapping condition. If it is determined that it was in accordance with the handicapping condition, then the student cannot be penalized. If the act was not, then the Superintendent has the right to expel the child.

Bus Suspensions - Suspensions from the bus are carried through in the same manner, however, the letter home has a different format. The school requests that the parent/guardian speak with their child regarding their manner on the bus and work with the bus driver to cooperate. They maintain a policy that riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right.

Filing of a PINS Petition by the School District - School districts may file a "Person in Need of Supervision" petition with the Office of Probation where there is a persistent pattern of truancy, incorrigible behavior, ungovernable, or habitually disobedient. The school has made diligent efforts internally and externally to assist the student and the youth is not successful in adjusting their behaviors. *See DC Office of Probation section for further detail.*

Special Education - specially designed individualized or group instruction or special services or programs to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities. Children ages 3 - 21 with disabilities who live in New York State are eligible. Students thought to have a disability are

referred to a multidisciplinary team (e.g. teachers, psychologists, administrators, and/or therapists) (CPSE or CSE) The committee arranges for an evaluation of the student's abilities and needs. Based on the evaluation results, the committee decides if the student is eligible to receive special education services and programs.

Committee on PreSchool Education (CPSE) - Each school district has a Committee on Preschool Education (CPSE), which makes disability determinations for children with disabilities between the ages of 3 through 5. While each school district manages its own CPSE process, if you have questions or concerns about how this process is working for you and your child, it can be helpful to consult the Regional Associate at the *Hudson Valley Regional Office at 518-473-1185*.

Dutchess County Early Intervention Program 85 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: 845-486-3518 Fax: 845-486-3554 Through the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health, Early Intervention provides a multi-disciplinary evaluation at no charge to assess developmental status and determine eligibility for Early Intervention services (such as speech therapy, physical therapy, parent training, etc.). Children can be eligible for the Early Intervention Program if they are under three years old AND have a disability OR developmental delay.

Committee on Special Education (CSE) is a multidisciplinary team, appointed by the Board of Education responsible for students with disabilities from ages 5 – 21. The CSE is authorized to identify students in need of services by determining eligibility, developing an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), placing the student in the least restrictive environment in which they can succeed and provide appropriate services to meet the child's educational needs. The committee meets to respond to initial referrals, amendment requests and process required annual reviews.

Educational Rights of Children: Youth that are Homeless or in Temporary Housing

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, a federal law, children and youth experiencing homelessness or living in temporary housing have the right to:

- Attend school regardless of where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Choose between: A. the school attended when the student was last permanently housed, B. the last school the student attended or C. the school where they are temporarily living.
- Immediate enrollment in school without requiring any documents regarding residency, immunizations, academic records, etc.
- Free transportation to school.
- Free meals at school.
- Participate in any school activity or program available to other students.
- Get special education services immediately if an Individualized Education Plan is in place.

These rights protected under the McKinney-Vento Act pertain to children and youth who are: staying in emergency or transitional shelters; sharing housing of others due to loss of their own

housing, economic hardship or similar reason; living in places not meant for sleeping (car, abandoned buildings, parks, etc.); staying in a motel, hotel or campground; in a temporary living situation while awaiting foster care placement; or otherwise lacking a fixed, regular or adequate residence. Preschool services are also covered under the McKinney-Vento Act for children who are homeless or in temporary housing.

An appeal process is available for situations in which the school district does not agree that a student is homeless as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. The district must provide a written explanation of this decision. The parent/guardian or unaccompanied youth has thirty days to file an appeal with the State Education Department. Each Local Education Agency (LEA) or School District is required to appoint a Liaison for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth.

For answers to additional questions, more information, contact: *NYS-TEACHS (New York State Technical and Educational Assistance Center for Homeless Students) 800-388-2014 or www.nysteachs.org*

New York Educational Advocates

Sometimes families need the help of outside expertise to negotiate appropriate services for their child with the Committee on Special Education. The individuals listed below come from various backgrounds- some are attorneys, others have substantial experience with the educational system. Many charge fees; others have no fee but limited time available. This list is not meant to be a recommendation of the services, just a resource list for you to consult and evaluate for yourself.

COPAA – Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates

<p>Barbara J. Ebenstein, Esq. 53 Pengilly Drive New Rochelle, NY 10804 914-355-5945 States served: NY, CT</p>	<p>Parent Training and Information Center Westchester and Putnam Independent Living Center Jessica Baumann, Director jbaumann@putnamils.org 845-228-7457 VP 914-259-8036 Carmen Pucillo, MES, Bilingual Education & Outreach Specialist cpucillo@putnamils.org 845-228-7457 ext. 1134 914-259-8036 (VP). https://www.putnamils.org/educational-advocacy/</p>	<p>Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc. Jennifer O'Neil j.oneil@taconicresources.org 82 Washington Street, Suite 214 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 845-452-3913 X 112 VP or Deaf/Hard of Hearing 845-345-8416 Patricia Lucio-Penn, Bilingual-Spanish Special Education Advocate (845)452-3913 Ext. 117 p.lucio-penn@taconicresources.org https://taconicresources.org/special-education-advocacy/</p>
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Attorneys & Advocates for Special Education Advocacy

Barger & Gaines - <http://bargergaines.com/>
Andrew Cuddy - www.cuddylawfirm.com
Littman Krooks - www.littmankrooks.com
Gil McMahon - <http://www.specialedlawadvocacy.com> (located in Putnam)
Rachel Asher - <http://ashergaughran.com>
Peter Hoffman - <http://www.pdhoffmanlaw.com>
Legal Services of the Hudson Valley- <http://www.lshv.org>
Gary Mayerson - www.mayerslaw.com

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

TASC New York

Students who wish to earn a High School Equivalency Diploma take the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) exam. Test takers in New York City must be:

1. At least 17 years old and turn 18 by June 30 and
2. Meet one of the following requirements:
 1. Student is enrolled in a State approved prep program (all District 79 programs are approved) or
 2. One year has passed since the student was discharged from school; or
 3. Student's high school class has graduated.

Poughkeepsie TASC prep classes (Formerly GED)

- **Literacy Connections** www.literacyconnections.org
325 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: 845-452-8670
- **Dutchess Community College (SUNY High School Equivalency Program)**
53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: 845-431-8911
- **Adult Learning Institute (Dutchess BOCES)** www.dcboces.org
5 BOCES Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: 845-483-3640 x 6108
- **Dutchess County BOCES** www.dcboces.org
5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: 845-486-4800

Locations around Poughkeepsie

- **Newburgh Enlarged City School District**
201 Fullerton Ave, Newburgh, NY 12550
Phone: 845-563-3405
- **Orange/Ulster BOCES**
 1. 150 Pike Street, Port Jervis, NY 12771
Phone: 845-781-6715
 2. 6 Liberty Street, 3rd Floor, Middletown, NY 10940
Phone: 845-781-6715
 3. 39 West Street, Newburgh, NY 12550
Phone: 845-781-6715
- **Kingston School District**
Cioni Admin Bldg, Kingston, NY 14850
Phone: 845-339-3000

Poughkeepsie area HSE (TASC) testing centers

- **Best Resource Center**
49 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY 12550, Phone: 845-562-2378
280 Broadway 2nd Floor, Newburgh, NY 12550
- **Dutchess BOCES** www.dcboces.org
5 BOCES Rd, Poughkeepsie NY 12601, Phone: 845-483-3640
- **Kingston High School**
403 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401, Phone: 845-943-3012
- **Middletown High School**
24 Gardner Avenue Ext, Middletown, NY 10940, Phone: 845-326-1595
- **Orange-Ulster BOCES**
John A Flannery High School
53 Gibson Rd, Goshen, NY 10924, Phone: 845-291-0200 x10260
- **Sullivan County BOCES**
19 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754, Phone: 845-791-4070

DUTCHESS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Arlington Central School District

144 Todd Hill Rd, LaGrangeville, NY 12540
Phone: 845-486-4460 Fax: 845- 486-4492
Website: www.arlingtonschools.org

DC BOCES

5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: 845-486-4800 Fax: 845-486-4981
Website: www.dcboces.org

Hyde Park Central School District

11 Boice Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538
Phone: 845-229-4000 Fax: 845-229-4056
Website: www.hpcsd.org

Pawling School District

515 Route 22, Pawling, NY 12564
Phone: 845-855-4600 Fax: 845- 855-4659
Website: www.pawlingschools.org

Poughkeepsie City School District

18 S Perry St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone 845-451-4900 Fax: 845-451-4954
Website: www.poughkeepsieschools.org

Rhinebeck Central Schools

45 N. Park Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572
Phone: 845- 871-5520 Fax: 845-876-4276
Website: www.rhinebeckcsd.org

Wappingers Central School District

PO Box 396/ 25 Corporate Drive,
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533
Phone: 845-298-5000 Fax: 845-298-5041
Website: www.wappingersschools.org

Beacon City School District

10 Education Drive, Beacon, NY 12508
Phone: 845-838-6900 Fax: 845-838-6905
Website: www.beaconcityk12.org

Dover Union Free School District

2368 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY 12522
Phone: 845-877-5700 Fax: 845-877-5762
Website: www.doverschools.org

Millbrook Central School District

P.O. Box AA/43 Alden Place, Millbrook, NY 12545
Phone: 845-677-4200 Fax: 845-677-4206
Website: www.millbrookcsd.org

Pine Plains Central School District

2829 Church Street, Pine Plains, NY 12567
Phone: 518-398-7181x1408 Fax: 518-3986592
Website: www.ppcsd.org

Red Hook Central Schools

9 Mill Road, Red Hook, NY 12591
Phone: 845-758-2241 Fax: 845-758-3366
Website: www.redhookcentralschools.org

Spackenkill Union Free School District

15 Croft Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Phone: 845-463-7800 Fax: 845-463-7804
Website: www.spackenkillschools.org

Webutuck Central School District

PO Box 405/ 194 Haight Road,
Amenia, NY 12501
Phone: 845-373-4100 Fax: 845- 373-4102
Website: www.webutuckschools.org

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

<https://www.nysed.gov/student-support-services/dignity-all-students-act-dasa>

- [Laws and Regulations](#)
- [News](#)
- [Resources](#)

The Dignity Act

New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) seeks to provide the State's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function.

The Dignity Act was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and took effect on July 1, 2012. Amendments to the act are effective as of July 1, 2013 and are noted under [Dignity Act News](#).

The original legislation amended State Education Law by creating a new Article 2 – Dignity for All Students. The Dignity Act also amended Section 801-a of New York State Education Law regarding instruction in civility, citizenship, and character education by expanding the concepts of tolerance, respect for others and dignity to include: an awareness and sensitivity in the relations of people, including but not limited to, different races, weights, national origins, ethnic groups, religions, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientations, gender identity, and sexes. The Dignity Act further amended Section 2801 of the Education Law by requiring Boards of Education to include language addressing The Dignity Act in their codes of conduct.

Additionally, under the Dignity Act, schools will be responsible for collecting and reporting data regarding material incidents of discrimination, harassment, and bullying.

For further information or assistance please contact: Student Support Services
New York State Department of Education
Phone: (518) 486-6090
Email: SSEC@nysed.gov(link sends e-mail)

For questions relating to the Dignity Act Training please contact: OTIDASA@nysed.gov(link sends e-mail).

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS & RECREATION

The Hudson Valley's online guide to everything for kids, teens, & families. [Kids Out and About.com](https://hudsonvalley.kidsoutandabout.com/content/hudson-valley-after-school-and-saturday-classes) <https://hudsonvalley.kidsoutandabout.com/content/hudson-valley-after-school-and-saturday-classes>

Hudson Valley Parent www.hvparent.com



Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum

75 North Water Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845-471-0589

The ideal destination for families with young children; exhibits focus on early literacy, art, early STEM, health and the local community, providing an educationally rich environment through which children have the opportunity to develop foundational skills, to engage in purposeful play, and to develop interpersonal connections. Visit the website for more information on hours of operation, admission, and ways to save.



Renaissance Kids, Inc.

1343-US-44 Pleasant Valley, NY 12569
(845) 452-4225

At Renaissance Kids, our goal is two-fold: (1) to nurture each individual child's personal growth by cultivating an appreciation and working knowledge of the arts and (2) to give each child an "art experience" that can be used by him or her as a tool for learning and as a means of positive personal expression.



Teen Resource Activity Center (TRAC)

29 North Hamilton Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845-452-1110 x3124

TRAC provides supervision and invaluable mentoring to Poughkeepsie youth. Young people come after school to participate in recreation, healthy living workshops, and enrichment activities. Youth can even learn to produce their own music and podcasts in our Community Music Studio Learning Room. Youth also receive academic assistance, exam preparation, and have the opportunity relax and socialize with friends in a safe and supportive environment. The Center serves as a support system for local teens. Caring mentorship and a safe place for young people 11–18 to participate in sports and the arts, get help with homework, develop real world skills, and spend time with friends.



Northeast Community Center

51 S Center St, Millerton, NY 12546
(518) 789-4259

The North East Community Center seeks to build a healthy, caring, responsive and welcoming community for all who live and visit here. NECC acts as a catalyst for that community vision through its partnerships with other organizations and by offering social, educational, recreational and cultural programs and services to help meet community needs.



Greater Hudson Valley Council Office

PO Box 974
Mohegan Lake, NY 10547
845-566-7300

It is the mission of the Greater Hudson Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America to deliver the highest-quality, values-based youth program of character development and leadership training, based upon the

precepts embodied in the Scout Oath and Law, and to prepare our young people to make ethical decisions in order to reach their full potential and to better serve their family, community and country.



Liberty Partnership Program

Mid-Hudson Region
3399 North Rd. Poughkeepsie NY
845-849-0330

The Liberty Partnership Program (LPP) is a collaboration of 46 higher education institutions across New York State to support at risk middle and high school students in their academic, social, and emotional development. Through meaningful programs, students engage more fully in their education and are more likely to graduate from high school and continue on to higher education or stable employment. LPP connects schools and community partners to offer research-based interventions, including tutorial services, mentoring, socio-emotional counseling, career and college exploration activities, and enrichment, as well as support for students and their families.



The Art Effect

45 Pershing Avenue 2729, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845-471-7477

The Art Effect provides youth with a comprehensive core program sequence that benefits from cross-disciplinary visual and media arts education. Our programs are arranged into three overlapping branches: Explore, Experience, and Excel. Explore focuses on providing immersive introductory-level experiences in visual arts and media for students ages 4-11. Experience engages with students ages 11-18 using art as a hands-on tool for self-discovery, life skills development, and early job experiences. Excel provides youth ages 14-24 with advanced art programs to prepare them for entrance into higher education or career.



Family Partnership Center

29 North Hamilton St, Poughkeepsie, NY
845-452-1110

The Family Partnership Center is an evolving model designed to build a stronger, safer community overseen and managed by Family Services. The Family Partnership Center is available to the community as a place to come together for conversation and the exchange of ideas, to participate in athletics and arts programming, and where a variety of nonprofits can co-locate and collaborate to offer enhanced services that create real access.



Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson

3 Neptune Rd, Poughkeepsie NY
845-452-1810

Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world. Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges. Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



Taconic Innovations program

872 Route 376 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
845.849-3447

daycare@taconicinnovations.com

WE ARE A PRE-SCHOOL AGED DAYCARE CENTER IN HUDSON VALLEY, NY. **CURRENTLY ACCEPTING ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN AGED 3-5.**



Family Opportunity Center

6423 State Route 55
Wingdale, NY 12594
(845) 293-4104

cbs@childrenshome.us/www.childrenshome.us

The Family Opportunity Center was created to bring children and families together in a safe, supportive, and fun space. An array of activities are available to engage children and their families: from games, to arts and crafts, to tutoring, vocational supports, and literacy.

Activity Stations

Tiny Toes – this area is designed for the little ones (2 and under). Here you will find soft mats for exploring and toys to enhance fine and gross motor skills.

Imagination Station – Fully outfitted with a kitchen, dress up clothes, costumes, a puppet theater, and more to foster imaginative play

Sensory Space – Move and feel your way through this space with hands-in activities

Sensory Space- Move and feel your way through this space with hands-on activities that are sure to appeal to young and not-so-young alike.

Checkmate – A large table is the center stage with board games galore!

Slam Dunk – Make your way to the arcade section with full size ping pong and a basketball hoop

Arts & Crafts – Check out the craft area, pick a project, and let the creativity flow

Literacy Enrichment – classroom space with a small library and computers. A quieter study area with homework assistance, vocational support, and literacy enrichment

Family Dining – Speak to staff about reserving the dining room to enjoy a family meal

Support Services – Staff can connect visitors to additional support services and are happy to meet in a place most comfortable for the family. Offer comprehensive care coordination, individual, family, and group therapy, support groups, parent support, prevocational skill building, and advocacy support.

The Center is free to the public and free to attend. Visitors are asked to sign-in upon arrival

Hours

Monday: By appointment only

Tuesday through Friday: 10:00am – 7:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday: Closed



[Community Matters 2 Inc.L](http://CommunityMatters2Inc.L)

L'Quette Taylor, Executive Director and Founder

50 N. Hamilton

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

(315)275-3087

Please check the website for session dates and times.

Etiquette & Spice Masterclass Purpose of program is to teach youth how to dress for success, prepare for the occasion and seize the moment of opportunity. Besides learning how to conduct themselves as gentlemen and ladies they will also learn life skills from professionals. This is more than an after-school program, this is a masterclass for youth. We bring in the best and give them the opportunity to learn firsthand from experts. We aim to help young people develop confidence, self-esteem, soft skills and more. Etiquette & Spice is designed to prepare them for success.

Chess Program (Teaching kids the benefits of chess) Aside from developing cognitive skills, chess also **develops children's social skills**. A benefit for children of playing games with rules consists in developing social aspects, such as taking turns, learning fair play, self-respect and respect for others, understanding others' perspectives, and developing empathy.

Girl Things (Women mentoring girls) Our program, "Girls Empowerment through Robotics and Mentorship," provides a supportive space for young girls to explore coding, robotics, and self-discovery while forming meaningful connections with inspiring women. Through workshops and mentorship, girls engage in hands-on projects guided by female role models, fostering confidence and leadership skills. Together, we empower girls to pursue their passions and shape a brighter future. Join us on this inspiring journey of growth and sisterhood.

Please check the website for additional events and resources.

TOWN/CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENTS

Contact your local recreation departments via website or phone to explore additional recreational opportunities

Amenia
914-456-5309

www.ameniany.myrec.com

Beacon
845-765-8440

cityofbeacon.org/Government/parksrecreation.htm

Beekman
845-724-5300
beekmanrec.com/

Clinton
845-266-3445

townofclinton.com/department/recreation

Dover
845-832-9168

townofdoverny.us/ParksandRecreation.cfm

East Fishkill
845-226-8395
eastfishkillny.org/node/66

Fishkill (town)
845-831-7800 ext. 3312
fishkill-ny.gov/parks.html

Hyde Park
845-229-8086
hydeparkny.us/Recreation/

LaGrange
845-452-1972

lagrangeny.gov/Government/parks.htm

Millbrook/Washington
845-677-8278

townrecreation.com/

Millerton
518-789-4489
villageofmillerton.net/parks---recreation-1.html

Northeast (Millerton)
518-789-4489

townofnortheastny.gov/recreation/

Pawling
845-855-1131

pawling.org/pages/pawlingny_recreation/Index

Pine Plains
518-567-7207
pineplains-ny.gov/content/Parks/View/15

Pleasant Valley
845-266-9222
pvrec.com/info/

Poughkeepsie (town)
845-485-3628
poughkeepsietownrec.com

Poughkeepsie (city)
845-451-4100

cityofpoughkeepsie.com/parks-and-recreation/

Red Hook
845-758-4600

www.redhook.org/TownDepartments/Recreation.html

Rhinebeck
845-943-9526
rhinebeck-ny.gov/parks--recreation.html

Stanford
845-868-7782
townofstanford.org/departments

Tivoli
845-757-2021
tivolinny.org/RecreationAreas.html

Union Vale
845-724-691
uvparksandrec.com/

Wappinger
845-297-0720
townofwappinger.us/recpages/recreation.html

Wappingers Falls
845-297-8773 x 7
wappingersfallsny.gov/recreation-and-parks-department

DUTCHESS COUNTY LIBRARIES

<p><u>Amenia Free Library</u> <u>3309 Route 343, Amenia NY 12501</u> 845-373-8273</p>	<p><u>Beekman Library</u> <u>11 Town Center Blvd., Hopewell Junction NY 12533</u> 845-724-3414</p>
<p><u>Blodgett Memorial Library</u> <u>37 Broad St., Fishkill NY 12524</u> 845-896-9215</p>	<p><u>Clinton Community Library</u> <u>1215 Centre Rd., Rhinebeck NY 12572</u> 845-266-5530</p>
<p><u>Dover Plains Library</u> <u>1797 Route 22 Wingdale NY 12594</u> 845-832-6605</p>	<p><u>East Fishkill Community Library</u> <u>348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction NY 12533</u> 845-221-9943</p>
<p><u>Grinnell Public Library District</u> <u>2642 East Main St., Wappingers Falls NY 12590</u> 845-297-3428</p>	<p><u>Howland Public Library</u> <u>313 Main St., Beacon NY 12508</u> 845-831-1134</p>
<p><u>Hyde Park Free Library</u> <u>2 Main St., Hyde Park NY 12538</u> 845-229-7791</p>	<p><u>LaGrange Association Library</u> <u>1110 Route 55, LaGrangeville NY 12540</u> 845-452-3141</p>
<p><u>Mid-Hudson Library System</u> <u>103 Market St., Poughkeepsie NY 12601</u> 845-471-6060</p>	<p><u>Millbrook Library</u> <u>3 Friendly Ln. Millbrook, NY 12545</u> 845-677-3611</p>
<p><u>Morton Memorial Library and Community House</u> <u>82 Kelly St., PO Box 157, Rhinecliff, NY 12574-0157</u> 845-876-2903</p>	<p><u>North East-Millerton Library</u> <u>75 Main St., PO Box 786, Millerton NY 12546</u> 518-789-3340</p>
<p><u>Pawling Free Library</u> <u>11 Broad St., Pawling NY 12564</u> 845-855-3444</p>	<p><u>Pine Plains Free Library</u> <u>7775 South Main St., PO Box 325, Pine Plains NY 12567</u> 518-398-1927</p>
<p><u>Pleasant Valley Free Library</u> <u>1584 Main St., PO Box 633, Pleasant Valley NY 12569</u> 845-635-8460</p>	<p><u>Poughkeepsie Public Library District/Adriance Memorial Library</u> <u>93 Market St., Poughkeepsie NY 12601</u> 845-485-3445</p>
<p><u>Poughkeepsie Public Library District/Boardman Road Branch</u> <u>141 Boardman Rd., Poughkeepsie NY 12603</u> 845-485-3445</p>	<p><u>Poughkeepsie Public Library District/Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Branch Library</u> <u>29 N Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie NY 12601</u> 845-485-3445</p>
<p><u>Red Hook Public Library</u> <u>7444 South Broadway, Red Hook NY 12571</u> 845-758-3241</p>	<p><u>Staatsburg Library</u> <u>70 Old Post Rd., Staatsburg NY 12580-0397</u> 845-889-4683</p>
<p><u>Stanford Free Library</u> <u>6035 Route 82, Stanfordville NY 12581</u> 845-868-1341</p>	<p><u>Starr Library</u> <u>68 West Market St., Rhinebeck, New York 12572</u> 845-876-4030</p>
<p><u>Tivoli Free Library</u> <u>PO Box 400, 86 Broadway Tivoli NY 12583</u> 845-757-3771</p>	

FAMILY EDUCATION, SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY

Contact information, locations, and availability of support groups and classes change frequently. The 211 information system maintains a listing of local support groups and other helpful referral information.



The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA)

35 Van Wagner Road Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

[845-454-0595](tel:845-454-0595)

Monday—Friday 9AM to 5PM

Child Advocacy Center (CAC)

The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is a family-friendly space for alleged child victims of sex abuse and/or extreme physical abuse. Trained staff at the CAC conduct forensic interviews with the children at the CPCA to ensure a safe space for children to disclose their stories of abuse. The CAC staff consists of law enforcement, CPS workers, a crime victim advocate, and program coordinators.

Supportive Parenting Program

The Supportive Parenting Program provides intensive case management services for parents with developmental disabilities and/or a mental health diagnosis. This includes weekly home visit support, supervised visitation and parenting classes. In addition to learning parenting skills, parents gain socialization and support from peers and receive assistance in meeting the needs of their children. Case managers also work closely with other service providers involved with our families to better serve our clientele's needs.

Clients are usually referred through the Department of Community and Family Services. To make a referral, you may fill out the form below or contact the program coordinator for one. [Make a referral here.](#)



New York State Association for Infant Mental Health (NYS-AIMH)

PO Box 5056

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

reachus@nysaimh.org

The New York State Association for Infant Mental Health (NYS-AIMH) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to strengthen and promote social and emotional well-being for all children between the ages of 0-5 in a relational context in New York State.

NYS-AIMH promotes uniform and nationally recognized standards to ensure those engaged in the multidisciplinary fields supporting young children are trained in up-to-date science of child development and relationship-based practices. It provides professional development, creates a statewide competency system, and raises awareness about issues impacting young children and their families.



The National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI Mid-Hudson
P.O. Box 787
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12602
(845) 206-9892
contact@namimidhudson.org

The families and members of NAMI Mid-Hudson are here to help! We offer understanding to anyone concerned about mental illnesses and the treatment of mental illness.

Mental illnesses are brain disorders that are biologically based medical problems. Untreated, they can cause severe disturbances in thinking, feeling and relating. This results in substantially diminished capacity for dealing with the ordinary demands of life. Mental illness can affect persons of any age and occur in any family. They are not caused by bad parenting and not evidence of weakness of character.

NAMI offers an array of Support and Education Programs such as: Family Support Groups, Family-to-Family classes, NAMI Basic class, Peer-to-Peer Class, In Our Own Voice, NAMI Homefront (families of veterans or military), NAMI Connections Adult Recovery and Ending the Silence Presentations for students, staff and families.



Cornell Cooperative Extension

Orange County

18 Seward Avenue, Suite
300 (Third Floor)
Middletown, New York
10940-1919
TEL: (845) 344-1234
FAX: (845) 343-7471
orange@cornell.edu

Dutchess County

Dutchess County Farm &
Home Center
2715 Route 44
Millbrook, New York
12545-5566
TEL: (845) 677-8223
FAX: (845) 677-6563
dutchess@cornell.edu

Ulster County

CCE Ulster County
232 Plaza Road
(Hannaford Plaza)
Kingston, New York 12401
TEL: 845-340-3990
FAX: 845-340-3993
ulster@cornell.edu

- **Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP)** RAPP is an ongoing education and support program for grandparents and relatives who are providing primary care for relative children. Monthly support groups, educational resources, youth programs and other support services are available at several Orange, Dutchess, and Ulster County locations. Educational seminar topics may include: Legal issues, Living well, Keeping kids safe, and Working with your child's school. RAPP provides respite to relative caregivers through a variety of events, respite referrals to local agencies and twice a year the support groups will join together for special events: the Winter Holiday Party and Summer Picnic.
- **RAPP Youth Program** As a complement to our Coffee and Conversation support groups for relative caregivers, RAPP offers educational youth activities for school aged children. Held at the same time as Coffee and Conversation at our Poughkeepsie and Eastern Dutchess locations, RAPP youth are offered fun filled educational activities that promote communication, positive peer relationships skills, and facilitates a safe and welcoming space for discussion and growth. Participants have the opportunity to sharpen basic life skills while having fun with peers from similar life situations. By pairing the delivery of evidence-based educational lessons with a myriad of physical activities, RAPP Youth Program promotes the health of the whole child. Topics for our RAPP youth groups include several activities that aim to connect youth with their physical and emotional environments.
- **Parenting Workshops** Teaches participants parenting skills in the areas of understanding children, how to help children learn and thrive, effective discipline and personal stress management. Parents of children of any age can benefit from these programs.



Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess County

218 Church St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

845-452-1400

CCCSDC@archny.org

Catholic Charities Community Services of Dutchess County (CCCSDC) helps solve the problems of local individuals in need: the neglected child, the homeless family, the newly arrived immigrant or refugee and the hungry senior, or the newly unemployed for non-Catholics and Catholics alike. CCCSDC is a resource for needy families and individuals in Dutchess County, offering a wide array of free and professionally administered direct services to county residents at our main office in downtown Poughkeepsie and throughout the county.

- [Feeding Our Neighbors](#)
- [Protecting Children & Youth](#)
- [Strengthening Families & Resolving Crisis](#)
- [Supporting the Physically & Emotionally Challenged](#)
- [Welcoming & Integrating Immigrants and Refugees](#)



Abbott House

Dutchess Location

1 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 501 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

845-452-1805

Foster Care and Adoption Abbott House recruits, trains, and supports courageous families to open their homes and hearts to Abbott House children and adolescents. For children and teens who need additional support or who have not yet been matched with a foster family, residential care in a group home setting serves as a safe and nurturing atmosphere as they continue their individual journeys toward permanency. One community residence provides services for seriously emotionally disturbed children.

Juvenile Justice Abbott House provides temporary care and custody of youth accused of committing delinquent or criminal acts and detained by police arrest or court order. While youth await their court dates and disposition of their cases Abbott House offers a highly structured setting while providing for the safety and well-being of youth, staff and for the community.

The goal is to provide these youth with new skills and opportunities so that their first contact with the justice system will be their last. High quality and varied programming is tailored to the diverse needs of the residents. **100% of our youth after participating in our program were allowed to return home to their families.**

Preparing Youth For Adulthood The Preparing Youth for Adulthood (PYA) program works with adolescents starting at age 14 and young adults in foster care and serves as a vehicle for youth to learn how to be self-sufficient and make a positive transition into adulthood. Young adults in PYA learn how to research and apply for colleges or vocational schools; how to apply for housing; budgeting and money management; accessing community resources; consumer awareness; legal issues; interpersonal relationships; paying and monitoring utilities; housekeeping and home management; food management; and life coaching.

Welcoming Children from Afar (TRC Program) Abbott House welcomes children entering the United States from other countries without an adult guardian. We provide two Transitional Resource for Children (TRC) programs to support these children. The first is short-term care and support while a family member or sponsor is identified. During their stay, children receive room and board, case management, counseling, medical and educational services. The second program is to support children with long-term foster care and adoption when a family member or sponsor is not available. Bi-lingual foster families are recruited, trained, and supported.

Health Home Services Abbott House is accepting referrals from the community for enrollment of eligible children/youth into Health Home Services. Children/Youth must meet all eligibility requirements to be considered for enrollment.

[Click here for more information and to make a referral.](#)

We connect all client care providers in a partnership to develop a plan that leads to improved health. We believe this helps children and family's long-term health and well-being. Abbott House helps:

- Schedule appointments for services.
- Locates and refer children to other community resources.
- Ensures service providers work together on the child's plan of care.
- Gets resources to prevent crisis and achieve health goals.
- Helps if a child moves from a hospital stay to another community service.

[Child and Family Treatment and Support Services](#) Abbott House is accepting referrals from the community for enrollment of eligible children/youth with behavioral health and/or substance use needs. These services are available with NYS Children's Medicaid or, if enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care Plan. Click here to learn more.

Clinical Counseling and Medical Services Abbott House Counseling Services are community-based resources open to individuals, children, and families. Our therapists provide family-focused treatment for children, adolescents, parents and other caregivers as well as individual therapy for adults. We use a variety of evidence-based approaches to treat emotional, behavioral or relationship problems. Together we set goals and work toward resolving difficulties. Counseling can help people better understand

problems, find solutions, identify strengths, and find new ways to improve well-being. **For more information call (914) 591 - 7300 ext. 3127**

Community Schools Resource Program Abbott House recognizes that the needs of the whole child must be met for students to succeed. We partner with the New York City Department of Education to provide services to elementary schools in the Mount Eden community of the Bronx. Our goal is to develop school communities in which students and families evolve into productive adults who will continue to grow economically and academically. We take a holistic approach to supporting student success that includes after school and summer programming, family engagement, social services, and physical and mental health services. We engage parents, families, and other members of the community as part of a process to transform each school.

H.E.A.R.T. (Helping Each Adoptive and Guardianship Family Remain Together) Permanency Resource Center

Sometimes raising adoptive or guardianship children has special challenges. H.E.A.R.T offers support and resources at no cost to families raising adoptive or guardianship children in Dutchess, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester Counties. Having a history in foster care is not required. Services include in-home counseling for children and post-adoption parents or guardianship caregivers. Training, referrals, advocacy, and support groups are also offered. **For more information call 914-740-6225**



North East Community Center

51 S Center Street Millerton, NY 12546

(518) 789-4259

info@neccmillerton.org

The North East Community Center seeks to build a healthy, caring, responsive and welcoming community for all who live and visit here. NECC acts as a catalyst for that community vision through its partnerships with other organizations and by offering social, educational, recreational and cultural programs and services to help meet community needs.

Toddler & Youth Engaging programming for local young people aged toddler through middle school.

- Out of School Time and After School Connection
- Summer Enrichment
- Early Learning

Teen Connecting teens with educational, employment and career resources that enhance their life skills.

- Teen Team
- Teen Jobs
- School to Work Apprenticeships

Family Programs and services to empower, connect, and strengthen families.

- Annual School Supply Drive
- Care Coordination
- Income Tax Assistance
- Financial/Budgeting
- Parenting

Community Services and activities designed to connect resources and people.

- Farmers Market and Transportation services

Food Access Connecting families, individuals, and the community to fresh, local, and healthy sources of food.

- Food Pantry
- Health Bucks/EBT
- Summer Lunch Program



Family Services

29 North Hamilton St Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845.452.1110

Family Services brings people together to find the support they need, improving their lives and communities, and building a stronger, safer Hudson Valley.

Program areas:

Behavioral Health Centers Family Services assures access for all adults to high-quality behavioral health centers in Dutchess and Ulster counties. Our counseling and medical staff help people find their way towards recovery without stigma.

<p>Poughkeepsie Behavioral Health Center 20 Manchester rd. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 845.486.2703 Option 1 M, W, F 8:30am – 5:30pm T, Th: 8:30am – 7:00pm</p>	<p>Beacon Behavioral Health Center 223 Main Street Beacon, NY 12508 845.486.2703 Option 2 M, W, F: 8:30am – 5:30pm T, Th: 8:30am – 7:00pm</p>	<p>Eastern Dutchess Behavioral Health Center 7 Market Street Dover Plains, NY 12522 845.486.2703 Option 3 M, W, F: 8:30am – 5:30pm T, Th: 8:30am – 7:00pm</p>	<p>Millbrook Behavioral Health Center 131 County House Road Millbrook, NY 12545 845.486.2703 Option 6 M, T, W, F: 8:30am – 5:30pm Th: 8:30am – 7:00pm</p>	<p>Rhinebeck Behavioral Health Center 91-93 Montgomery Street, Suite 7 Rhinebeck, NY 12572 845.486.2703 Option 8 M, W, Th, F: 8:30am – 5:30pm T: 8:30am – 7:00pm</p>
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Community Safety Family Services works with individuals who have a history of gun-related, domestic violence, or aggression in their relationships in order to help them learn a healthier approach to the people in their lives and communities. Our programs increase awareness of how belief systems and personal histories can lead to violence, giving these individuals the knowledge and skills to make the changes in their lives that make our communities safer.

Family Programs Family Services provides critical support to stabilize families and ensure child safety. Programs are tailored to each individual and include both group and in-home support, as well as supervised visitation and childcare services at Family Court. We also provide referrals to services that supply necessities and access to opportunity for families.

Prevention Family Services is a regional leader in programming that increases individual's awareness and coping skills to reduce sexual violence, gun violence, and substance use. We oversee programs that reach the public in Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, and Westchester counties.

Victim Services Family Services provides 24/7 support to victims of violence and other crimes. We are recognized leaders in the community's response to domestic violence and sexual assault, helping victims understand they are not alone, their safety is a priority, and they have options. Our person centered approach supports survivors' rights, dignity, healing and self-determination.

Youth Services Family Services after school programs emphasize the importance of caring mentorship in safe spaces for youth from elementary to teen. We give youth a sense of belonging in a place where they can develop their athletic, creative, academic, workforce and social skills in fun, supportive, and challenging ways.



MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

All of the Support. None of The Stigma.

253 Mansion Street

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

845-473-2500

info@mhadutchess.org

ADULT SERVICES

Care Management provides a MHA worker (Care Manager) to individuals who struggle with severe and persistent mental illness, chronic medical conditions, and/ or alcohol or substance abuse issues. We assist people in accessing necessary medical, social, financial,

vocational, residential, and educational services. We are a contracted partner with two Hudson Valley Health Homes; the Community Care Collaborative and Hudson Valley Care.

Homeless Services at Mel's Place is a collaborative effort between Dutchess County Government, Hudson River Housing and MHA. We offer a safe-haven and care management services to those in our community who are without a place to call home. Our services are provided at the 24-hour shelter during the daytime hours. We offer support and referrals to community services for housing, employment, addiction, health benefits, and more.

Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS) is a comprehensive recovery-oriented program for individuals with severe mental illness. We integrate support and rehabilitation in a manner that facilitates the individual's recovery and include our participants in the development of curriculum that meets their needs.

Supported Housing provides 21 supported housing beds that are scattered site subsidized apartments for people who have a serious mental illness.

CRISIS SERVICES

Mobile Crisis Intervention Team (MCIT) 24/7 crisis response for children, youth and adults in Dutchess County. Designed to reduce emergency room visits and inpatient hospitalizations while maintaining people safely in the community.

ECHO (Enhancing Community Health Thru Outreach) focuses on supporting the community as holistically as possible with mental health professionals and law enforcement working together to strengthen communities.

FAMILY SUPPORT, ADVOCACY & EDUCATION Information and Referral offers a referral list of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, support groups, and services at other agencies and private practices.

Library Services provide DVDs, books, journals, and computers with Internet access for the public. Assistance with resume writing upon request.

Parenting Workshops include How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, Managing Defiant Behavior, Parenting Challenging Teens, and Parenting the Explosive Child. Parent Education and Custody Effectiveness (PEACE), and more.

Supported Education provides on-site assistance to ACCESS-VR eligible students with a psychiatric disability and/ or addiction disorder as they attend college.

Workshops & Trainings are offered throughout the year using professional curriculum. MHADC offers periodic mental health screenings.

Adult Advocacy Program provides information, referral, and advocacy to adults with mental illness and their families who often have aging parents or other family members at-risk. A Depression/Bipolar Support Group for adults meets weekly.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) trains citizen-volunteers in a 40-hour course to be an advocate in the judicial process for a child in or at-risk of foster care, due to abuse or neglect. Referrals are through the Family Court Judge only.

COMPEER trains volunteers to match with people receiving mental health services. The relationship that develops helps build coping skills, making it easier to integrate into the community.

Emerge Program is for parents who have psychiatric disabilities. It addresses the needs of parents who are struggling with their own issues of mental illness while trying to parent a child.

Family Support Programs for parents/caregivers of children with serious emotional disorders, offer peer/parent support groups, sibling support/education groups, and Family Advocacy.

The Family Visitation Program is a coached-visitation model and supervised visitation, providing strength-based support for parents/caregivers visiting their children in placement. The coach engages with the family to assist the parent.

Respite Programs offer parents/caregivers of children with special mental health needs the opportunity for respite. Including planned individual and group activities, summer camp sponsorships, and Teen clubhouse.

Teen Challenge addresses challenges through weekly life skills curriculum meetings, vocational/educational mentoring for jobs and education, and community engagement involving community service projects.



Family Partnership Center

Founded in 1879, Family Services brings people together to find the support they need, improving their lives through innovative and effective programming. We foster collaborations that build stronger, safer communities. And as societal change makers, we work towards a more just Hudson Valley for all.

Funded in part by Dutchess County, The Dyson Foundation, and the Urban Park NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

For a list of our partners or for information on how to become a partner agency and/or rent space for a community event, visit: familyservicesny.org/familypartnership-center

Partner Agencies

Finish Strong Wellness Center One of the nation's leading providers of high-quality, affordable health care, and the nation's largest provider of sex education. Promotes the strengths and abilities of young people by providing trauma-informed services that empower and enrich them to face life's challenges with confidence, competence, and dignity. <https://www.finishstrongpk.com>

Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley One of nation's leading providers of high quality affordable health care, and the nation's largest-provider of sex education. plannedparenthood.org/health-center/new-york/poughkeepsie/12601/poughkeepsie-healthcenter-2621-91160

CMedTraining Offers medical technology courses to those seeking employment and interest in the medical field, including CPR, EKG, Phlebotomy, Patient Care Tech, and Medical Assistant procedures and responsibilities. carmelmedtraining.com

Comunilife's Life is Precious Program Provides community-informed suicide prevention services for Latina teens who are living with diagnosed mental illness. comunilifelip.org

Dutchess Community College DCC @ the Partnership provides High School Equivalency (HSE), English as a Second Language (ESL), and Certified Nursing Assistant courses to help students accomplish their academic and professional goals. sunydutchess.edu/familypartnership/index.html

Dutchess County Department of Health Provides a variety of medical screenings and treatment services for children and adults. dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/dbch.htm

Dutchess Outreach/Lunch Box Serves hot lunch and dinner 5 days a week for anyone who needs one within Dutchess County, in addition to other basic, life-sustaining resources such as groceries, emergency funding, and clothing. dutchessoutreach.org/the-lunch-box

Family Services Transforms lives through various program areas, including Youth Services, Community Safety, Prevention, Victim Services, Behavioral Health Centers, Family Programs, and the Family Partnership Center. familyservicesny.org

Financial Development Center, an Extension of Heritage Financial Credit Union Provides confidential, no-cost financial counseling and banking services, including account opening, loan applications, money orders and official checks, deposits, and withdrawals.

Flores Chiropractic Group A full service chiropractic establishment. floreschirogroup.com

Hudson Valley Justice Center Represents poor and low-income individuals in civil matters, regardless of immigration status, ensuring everyone has access to high-quality legal counsel in civil matters where basic human needs are at stake. hvjc.org

The Institute for Family Health Provides high quality, patient-centered primary health care, regardless of patients' abilities to pay, in addition to free and voluntary home visiting services and prenatal support. institute.org

Love Quest Foundation/One Small Step Productions Sponsors art projects that advocate for individuals impacted by intimate partner violence, teen dating violence, domestic abuse, and sexual assault that help them navigate their quest for love. Offers pre- and postproduction services for video campaigns and shoots. thelovequestfoundation.org

Mighty Young Techs Premier S.T.E.A.M. program of the Black and Latino Coalition fostering a commitment to young people that will promote pro-social friendships, educational fortitude, cultural pride, strong interpersonal skills, and hope for the future.

MVP Network Consulting, LLC Offers a comprehensive suite of IT services including support and consulting. mvpworks.com

Poughkeepsie Performing Arts Academy A professional school of the arts that provides high quality instruction in dance, music, theater, and visual arts to students ages 3-18. facebook.com/PkPerfArts

Sadie Peterson Delaney African Roots Library Promotes literacy through teaching and learning. africanrootslibrary.tripod.com

Saving Our Tomorrow Provides youth mentorship programs, care management for the unhoused, and collaborative initiatives that, empower individuals and communities to navigate challenges and achieve transformative triumphs. savingourtomorrow.org

Sun River Health Providers work together to bring patients coordinated and affordable medical, dental, and behavioral health care, with interpreters available for all languages. sunriver.org



The Brain and Body Coalition

Contact: Heather Ann Pritcher **Phone:** (845) 293-2929

<<http://www.brainandbodycoalition.org>>

Training, Education and Outreach

At The Brain and Body Coalition, we are dedicated to supporting and uplifting Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities. Our goal is to support our children and give the support and tools to those around them to maintain wellness. In order to accomplish our mission, we actively collaborate with local organizations to ensure that our support reaches communities of color effectively.

It Is What It Is - Breaking the Barrier of Stigma workshops. These workshops currently comes in 15 modues and can be combined to create an endless variety.

Mental Health First Aid Certification Training - Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

Check the website for BIPOC Resource links and guides



Manuel Moore
29 N. Hamilton Street Room 333
Poughkeepsie NY 12601
929-435-0203

Jasmine's Place is a compassionate non-profit organization committed to reshaping the narrative of family dynamics by focusing on the vital role of fathers in the lives of their children. Founded on the principles of advocacy, support, and connection, Jasmine's Place addresses the unique challenges faced by fathers in family court, children in school districts, and incarcerated parents longing for meaningful interactions with their children.



Saving Our Tomorrow

Founder: Jasmaine Clay
(646) 276-8989

www.savingouttomorrow.org

29 N Hamilton St. Suite L-22
Poughkeepsie NY 12601

Key Services Include:

Personalized Case Management: Tailored support to help clients develop and follow through on individual plans, addressing specific needs and goals.

Health Information Coordination: Assistance with accessing and managing physical and mental health services, ensuring comprehensive care.

Family Support: Engaging with families to provide holistic support, helping to strengthen family dynamics and address shared challenges.

Credible Messenger Mentorship: Partnering with Family Services Westchester and OCFS, we offer mentorship programs that connect youth with positive role models to guide them through personal and academic development.

Workshops and Training: Offering workshops on personal safety, self-care, cyber safety, and substance use to educate and empower our community members.

Monthly Distributions: Providing personal care items, clothing, and other essentials to those in need, ensuring that basic needs are met

Essentials Program Highlights:

Monthly Distributions of Personal Care Items and Clothing: Ensuring individuals and families have access to necessary hygiene products and clothing.

Workshops on Personal Safety and Self-Care: Empowering participants with knowledge and skills to improve their well-being.

Specialized Support for Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Survivors: Our founder, a newly retired Army veteran and domestic violence survivor, leads initiatives

to provide targeted support for those affected by domestic violence and human trafficking.

At Saving Our Tomorrow, we believe in the power of community and collaboration. Through our partnerships and dedicated services, we strive to create a supportive and nurturing environment for all individuals and families we serve. Join us in our mission to build a stronger, more resilient community.



INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Dutchess County All Abilities Program & ThinkDIFFERENTLY

Dana Hopkins, LCSWR
All Abilities Program Director
845-486-3434
dhopkins@dutchessny.gov

Janine Fitzmaurice, LCSW
Early Intervention Official and Director of Preschool Special Education Programs
Coordinator of Children with Special Needs Services
(Ages 0-3- Early Intervention; ages 3-5 Pre School)
845-486-2759; TTY: (845) 486-3417
jfitzmaurice@dutchessny.gov

Children & Youth Special Health Care Needs Program
845-486-3542

ThinkDIFFERENTLY

1. www.thinkdifferently.net
2. Acronym list <https://www.thinkdifferently.net/acronym-directory/>
3. Planning based on age <https://www.thinkdifferently.net/important-milestones/>

4. ThinkDIFFERENTLY is a Call to Action to provide welcoming, inclusive, and accepting environments to individuals of all abilities and ages, whether it be in school, work, and/or play.
5. Check out the list of events/activities on the home page by scrolling down to the calendar.
6. Check out what we have participated in/hosted here
<https://www.thinkdifferently.net/about-us/>

**Eligibility for State Programs
(OPWDD, Children’s Consolidated Waiver, NY Connect)**

The Office for People With Developmental Disabilities is pleased to announce that new Front Door Information Session videos are now available for viewing on the [OPWDD website](#).

OPWDD (Office for People with Developmental Disabilities) eligibility via the Front Door <https://opwdd.ny.gov/get-started> Seeking eligibility for OPWDD is better done sooner than later.

- 1. Start with calling the local Front Door Office number at 1-866-946-9733**
 - a. OPWDD Front Door is the entry point for services provided by the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) <https://opwdd.ny.gov/get-started>
- 2. Then connect with a Care Coordination Organization that will help with the eligibility process. They will help collect the documents needed for eligibility.**
 - a. The 3 CCOs that serve Dutchess County are:
TRICOUNTY CARE CCO: 844-504-8400; www.tricountycare.org 829 E. 15th St., Brooklyn, NY 11230; or email intake@tricountycare.org
LIFEPlan CCO: 1-855-LIFEPLN (1-855-543 3756); <http://lifeplancony.com> 258 Genessee St., Suite 601; Utica, NY 13502
CARE DESIGN: 518-235-1888; www.caredesignny.org 8 Southwoods Blvd., Suite 110, Albany, Ny 12211
Locally you may contact Jean Dabenigno-Kelly at jdabenigno-kelly@caredesignny.org or at 845-253-1201 x 6426
- 3. You’ll be asked to attend a Front Door information session. They are available on the internet, and are needed: find a session here:**
<https://opwdd.ny.gov/get-started/information-sessions>
- 4. If someone is older, and retrieving such documents seems “impossible”, reach out to the Front Door local office to gain information on what can be done to help support the eligibility process.**

What services can OPWDD provide for you and/or your family member?

- Comm hab; where a worker comes to your home and provides support around daily living skills, socialization, etc.

- Respite; where a worker comes to your home, or when the individual is brought to specified location to receive supports while the primary caretaker/parent/guardian receives a break (respite).
- Vocational support; where an individual receives support while learning vocational skills
- CSIDD (Crisis Services for Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities); where clinical professionals assist individuals, families, and/or other providers support in helping an individual with complex needs. They can help create support plans to aide an individual during a trying time.
- Day Hab; an adult day program service, where an individual can engage in site based skill building, or community based skill building in areas such as learning, social skills, minimal vocational skills, and other daily living skills.
- Recreation clubs through a few providers.

Children’s Home & Community Based Consolidated (HCBS) Waiver, also known as Children’s Waiver Services,

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/behavioral_health/children/overview.htm At times, this program is a better option for youth with complex medical needs/are medically frail in place of OPWDD services until adulthood.

Contact- CYES (Child Youth Evaluation Services) for assessment for eligibility for the Consolidated Children’s Waiver Services at **833-333-2937**. See page 84 for more information.

- Children’s Consolidated Waiver is only available until age 21.
- Can have both the Children’s Consolidated Waiver and OPWDD eligibility, however only 1 can be active. If/When found eligible for OPWDD they would basically need to choose which programs/services they want.
- Merger of all Children’s Waiver Services included Bridges to Health
- Many youths transition to OPWDD eligibility when they hit age 21 after receiving Consolidated Children’s Waiver Services. (OPWDD eligibility process still needs to be sought, it is not automatic)

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) for ages 0-21

CYSHCN is a statewide public health program that provides information and referral services for health and related resources to families of CYSHCN.

CYSHCNHSS (Children & Youth Special Health Care Needs Support Services) also offers financial assistance for medically and financially eligible children between the ages of 0-21. The youth/family must have inadequate private insurance, or no health insurance. *(“Funded by the New York State Department of Health using federal Health Resources and Services Administration Title V funding. The opinions, results, findings and/or interpretations of content contained therein are the responsibility of the Contractor and do not necessarily represent the opinions, interpretations, or policy of the State or Federal funding agency.”)*

Contact the Dutchess County DMH Public Health Nursing office for more information at 845-486-3419. See also page 12

NYConnects <https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/> serves older individuals and individuals of all ages with disabilities (an alternative if someone is not found eligible for OPWDD and needs minimal support services). Cannot be combined with OPWDD services. They can help individuals, families, caregivers, and professionals connect to such services that include everyday activities (cooking, cleaning, bathing, bill pay, etc.), care giving, social life, health needs.

1. **Dutchess County NY Connects;**

<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Aging/OFA-NY-Connects.htm>

Email: ofa@dutchessny.gov ; 114 Delafield Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601; (845)-475-3511

2. **Westchester Independent Living Center;** 84 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601; (914) 589-2941;

<https://www.wilc.org/ny-connects-no-wrong-door/> or Toll-Free Referral line at 866-715-4700

Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education Services

Early Intervention (EI) for ages 0-3 all see page 15 - 17

<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/Early-Intervention-Program.htm>

Early Intervention: The Early Intervention Program provides supports to families to help their child grow and develop, and to help them support and promote their child's development. Children are referred to Dutchess County EIP services due to suspected or diagnosed developmental delay or disability. Email healthinfo@dutchessny.gov or call 845-486-3518

Preschool Special Education for ages 3-5

Children can be referred to Preschool Special Education (PSE) through the child's school district of residence. Eligibility is determined by the school district CPSE (Committee for Preschool Special Education) which would include children with known or suspected developmental delay or diagnosed disability.

[Preschool Special Education Forms \(dutchessny.gov\)](#)

Please contact your local school district CPSE for more information.

Dutchess County Early Intervention Official is Janine Fitzmaurice, LCSW

Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health, 85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 106, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601; Phone: (845) 486-2759; Fax: (845) 486-3554; TTY: (845) 486-3417

jfitzmaurice@dutchessny.gov

NYS Family Guide to Early Childhood Services (prenatal to 5 years old) Cheat Sheet

https://www.ccf.ny.gov/files/9116/1184/7090/Family_Guide_to_NYS_Early_Childhood_Service_Birth-5.pdf

Educational/Vocational/Transitional Services

Transition Coordinator - Community Based Services <https://commbasedservices.org/>
CBS is an OPWDD approved (along with some non-certified OPWDD programs) agency that has a grant from Dutchess County for a Transitions Coordinator (individuals must have an intellectual or developmental disability, but do not have to be OPWDD eligible for this, however they will be encouraged to apply for eligibility if they meet criteria). The Transition Coordinator will help individuals and their families navigate the transitional school age years (15-21) for appropriate programs and services through school and for transition into adulthood.

Jennifer Havrilla; Transition Coordinator, Community Based Services; 3 Fields Lane, North Salem, NY 10560;
(914) 236-1128; jhavrilla@commbasedservices.org

Taconic Resources for Independence (TRI) <https://taconicresources.org/>

1. **Special Education Advocacy (SEA)** <https://taconicresources.org/special-education-advocacy/>

The link to register for a SEA <https://hipaa.jotform.com/211714608854155>

2. **Mobile Benefits Counselor** to aid families and individuals (18 and older) with understanding and obtaining benefits they are entitled to <https://taconicresources.org/mobile-disability-benefits-counseling/>

School Transitional Services: Contact the school CSE (Chair for Special Education) or the child's guidance counselor to discuss.

1. A request to discuss an IEP/504 plan or to review their IEP for an extension for them to remain in High School until 21-if slated to graduate before age 21 and can benefit remaining in school.
2. Consider a request for a school to work program in the additional year(s). (ask your district if they have this program)
3. Request a referral to **NYS ACCES-VR** <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr> for vocational support- see more information below.

If your child does not have an IEP or 504 Plan you may request, in writing to the school's CSE, a review to see if your child is eligible for either an IEP or 504 plan.

ThinkAhead <https://www.sunydutchess.edu/around-campus/student-services/opportunity-programs/think-ahead.html>

Join Dutchess Community College's Think Ahead program to develop job skills and life skills while enjoying a college experience! Classes are held on Poughkeepsie campus. Each year, late Winter/Early Spring applications for the following Fall Semester are posted. 8-10 individuals are chosen to participate in ThinkAHEAD each year.

What you need before you apply:

- Willing to engage in work experiences or audit credit-bearing classes, in addition to attending 9 hours of Think Ahead classes a week.
- Seeking skills to prepare for gainful employment.
- Living at home, independently or in a certified setting.
- Able to arrange transportation to DCC's Poughkeepsie campus.
- Able to cover basic expenses including:
 - Books/supplies
 - Optional commuter meal plan is available at extra cost.
- You're at least 18 years old and a resident of Dutchess County.
- You have OPWDD eligibility and will be enrolled in the Home & Community Based Services Medicaid (HCBS) waiver at the time of application.
- You have a life plan or an Individual Services Plan (ISP) that supports program course/goals.
- You've had a vocational evaluation, like a school to work program or pre-vocational assessment.
- You have achieved a minimum of 1 hour of unsupervised time.
- You've graduated or have been separated from a secondary school program.

Questions? thinkahead@sunydutches.edu

ACCES VR <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr> for vocational support

1. If the individual is in school, the school district can complete the ACCES VR referral.
2. There is a youth and student transitional services section on their website; <http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/student-and-youth-transition-services>
3. For individuals out of school, contact ACCES VR directly. [Adult Career and Continuing Education Services | NYS Education Department](#)
 - a. ACCES VR also provides Adult Education services.

Vocational Programming outside of ACCES VR- please note that students in school may receive minimal, if any, vocational support unless they are in a school to work program. This is because the vocational supports do not want to take away from education.

1. **Dutchess One Stop (soon changing name to Dutchess Works):** <https://www.dutchessonestop.org/>
 - a. **Youth One Stop** <https://www.chamberfdn.org/leadership-programs/youth-one-stop-job-training/> <https://www.dutchessonestop.org/> this is through the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board <https://www.dcwib.org/node/25>
 - b. Local businesses seeking more information about the County's "Think Jobs" efforts, including the benefits of hiring the disabled and other resources, can contact Dutchess One Stop Career Center at info@dutchessonestop.org or (845) 349-4634
2. **Smart Staffing Group** <https://www.smartstaffinggroup.com/>

- a. They have a Pre-Employment Transition Services Program. Contact Tracy Jones at tracy@smartstaffinggroup.com
<https://www.smartstaffinggroup.com/services/workforce-development-services/>
- b. They also now work closely with Youth One Stop (see above). Contact Leo Ramirez at leonardo@smartstaffinggroup.com
- 3. **ARC of Greater Hudson Valley**, aka ARC GHV (formerly ARC of Dutchess)- is connected to a number of local high schools conducting a school to work program. <https://arcghvny.org/programs/school-to-work-and-transition-service.html> ; Contact Joan Sczerba at jsczerba@arcghvny.org or at (845) 635-8084 X 21149; also connected to ThinkJOBS
- 4. **Astor Services- Vocational Case Management (VCM) Program-** ages 18-26- Must be a Dutchess County resident and interested in learning skills to obtain a job. [Vocational Case Management | Astor Services | ...Because every child deserves a childhood. | ...Because every child deserves a childhood.](#) Contact Stephanie Hilerio Tel: (845) 489-4667 or email shilerio@astorservices.org

National programs for employment and education

- 5. **Employment First/US Department of Labor**
<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/employment-first> Employment First is a national systems-change framework centered on the premise that all individuals, including those individuals with the most significant disabilities, are capable of full participation in [Competitive Integrated Employment \(CIE\)](#) and community life. Under this approach, publicly-financed systems are urged to align policies, regulatory guidance, and reimbursement structures to commit to CIE as the priority option with respect to the use of publicly-financed day and employment services for youth and adults with significant disabilities.
- 6. **Workforce Recruitment Program** <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/program-areas/employers/workforce-recruitment-program> Every year, the WRP connects federal and select private-sector employers nationwide with highly motivated college students and recent graduates with disabilities eager to demonstrate their skills and abilities in the workplace through internships and permanent jobs.
- 7. **Entry Point!** American Association for the Advancement of Science [Entry Point! | American Association for the Advancement of Science \(aaas.org\)](#) The objective of the program is to encourage and develop talent among undergraduate and graduate students with disabilities who have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a STEM career.
- 8. JAN- Job Accommodation Network www.askjan.org *The Job Accommodation Network (JAN) is the leading source of free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations and disability employment issues.*

Driver's License Assistance:

- 1. There is a drivers evaluation section with **ACCES VR-**
<http://www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/44000-driver-evaluation-and-training-policy>

2. **Driving with Autism** <https://autismdriving.com/about/> "Driving with Autism: Driver Readiness Webinars." This 8-part webinar series is taught by a live, virtual expert instructor and focuses on the very specific training needs of autistic individuals. The series focuses on one topic per week and teaches it in a way that is easy to digest and gives students the space to process the information before we move on. Our goal is to help individuals know the expectations of learning to drive and going over concepts that most driver schools do not cover like sensory needs. We want them to obtain their license! - Please note this is not a driving class, but a prep class for what to expect when one gets behind the wheel.

Guardianship and Financial Supports/Services

Guardianship In New York State, when a person turns 18 years old, they are assumed to be legally able to make decisions for themselves. This means that no other person is allowed to make personal, medical, or financial decisions for them.

If you are concerned about the well-being of an intellectually or developmentally disabled person who is 18 or over (or about to turn 18), you may be considering a court appointed guardian. There are 2 types of guardianship in NYS.

- **An Article 17-A Guardian** is someone who is appointed by a Surrogate Court judge to help protect the interests of an intellectually or developmentally disabled adult and make decisions for them, when they are unable to do so for themselves. For more information please visit: <https://nycourts.gov/courthelp/Guardianship/17A.shtml>
 - Please note that Dutchess County Surrogate's Court may appointment a Guardian Ad Litem Attorney for your child during the Article 17A guardianship process. There could be fees associated with this Ad Litem Attorney. Requesting a financial hardship waiver is not inappropriate, however paperwork does need to be submitted to the Guardian Ad Litem for them to formulate the fee.
- **Article 81 Guardianship.** A more specific guardianship <https://nycourts.gov/courthelp/Guardianship/AIP.shtml>
- **Supported Decision Making** <https://sdmny.org/> Supported decision-making (SDM) is a now *well recognized practice* by which people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) are able to make their own decisions with the support of trusted persons in their lives and retain all their legal and civil rights.
 - NYS is moving more in the direction of Supported Decision Making over guardianships.

Financial Supports/Services

1. **NY ABLE Accounts:** <https://www.mynyable.org/> These allow someone to earn money and keep their benefits without penalties. P
2. **Special Needs Trusts-** SNT: <https://futureplanning.thearc.org/pages/learn/where-to-start/financing-the-future/special-needs-trusts>

3. **Taconic Resources for Independence: Mobile Benefits Counselor** to aid families and individuals with understanding and obtaining benefits they are entitled to. <https://taconicresources.org/mobile-disability-benefits-counseling/> (for individuals 18 and older).
- Taconic Resources holds workshops on SSI and Medicaid throughout the year. Check out their calendar here <https://taconicresources.org/events/>



ABILITIES FIRST

Abilities First Inc. (www.abilitiesfirstny.org)

To provide people with disabilities and their families support to attain independence, self-determination, [integration](#) and acceptance by others through [education](#), exploration and experience. From Early Intervention through Adult Residential, Day Hab and Vocational Supports.

Children's Services (0-21 years old): <https://www.abilitiesfirstny.org/child-services/>

Adult Services (21+ years old): <https://www.abilitiesfirstny.org/adult-services/>



Anderson Center for Autism www.andersoncenterforautism.org)

Anderson serves children 5-21 on our residential campus located two hours north of New York City. We also serve adults 21 and over in surrounding communities. Your questions about admissions, programming, consulting and training services Anderson provides can be answered below.

Children's Services (0-21 years old):

Preschool Services (3-5 years old):

<https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/anderson-early-learning-academy/>

Children's Services (5-21 years old): <https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/childrens-services/>

Adult Services (21+ years old): <https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/adult-services/>

Consultation and Training Services:

<https://www.andersoncenterforautism.org/anderson-center-consulting-training/>



ARC Greater Hudson Valley www.arcghvny.org

The Arc Greater Hudson Valley provides innovative, high-quality services including Residential Services, Clinical Services, Day Services, Family Support Services, Guardianship Services, Employment Services, Recreation, Respite and more. They provide services in Sullivan, Orange and Dutchess Counties of NY.

Programs throughout the 3 counties <https://arcghvny.org/programs/>



Cardinal Hayes Home for Children <https://cardinalhayeshome.org/>

Cardinal Hayes Home for Children is a not-for-profit agency providing residential care and treatment for individuals who are developmentally disabled. CHHC is sponsored by Franciscan Missionaries of Mary and is affiliated with [Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New York](#). Individuals of all races, creeds and socio-economic backgrounds are equally considered for admission. Our agency accepts ambulatory and non-ambulatory individuals who are severely physically and intellectually disabled. Some have a diagnosis of autism, others have cerebral palsy, epilepsy or neurological impairment. Our nursing staff and direct care workers have considerable experience in the care of medically fragile individuals. There are one hundred nineteen individuals in our residential programs.

Educational: <https://cardinalhayeshome.org/programs/educational/>

Residential (school based and adult group homes)

<https://cardinalhayeshome.org/programs/residential/>

Day Habilitation (Adults) <https://cardinalhayeshome.org/programs/>



Community Based Services (www.commbasedservices.org)

We offer residential and community centered opportunities, jobs, and engagement that is centered on meaningful relationships and a sense of belonging.

Children's Services: <https://commbasedservices.org/customized-individualized-services-for-children/>

Adult Services: <https://commbasedservices.org/customized-services-for-adults/>



Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health NY

https://www.devereux.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=ny_index

Devereux New York provides a wide range of educational, clinical, residential and community-based programs and services to children and adults - ages five to 21 - with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, emotional and behavioral differences, and dual diagnoses.

Children's Services (5-21 years old)

https://www.devereux.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=ny_services_children

Adult Services (21 years old):

https://www.devereux.org/site/SPageServer/?pagename=ny_services_adult

Self-Advocacy: [Self-advocacy - Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health New York](#)



Down Syndrome Association of the Hudson Valley

www.dsahv.org All ages

The Down Syndrome Association of the Hudson Valley (DSAHV) is committed to helping people with Down Syndrome and their families. We do this by providing events, programs, and resources for members and others in the 5 county region: (Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Ulster C Sullivan.)



www.epilepsy.com/local/northeastern-newyork

At the Epilepsy Foundation, one of our primary goals is to provide accessible, current information about epilepsy/seizure disorders to individuals with epilepsy, parents, family members, and friends. We also provide information about epilepsy to professionals in the community through our in-service training programs. Serves Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Dutchess, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, Rensselaer, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, and Washington Counties.



Greystone Programs, Inc. is a growing not-for-profit human services agency dedicated to supporting children, adults and families with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities, by enriching lives one person at a time. Serves Dutchess, Orange and Ulster Counties

Services offered <https://www.greystoneprograms.org/services>



In Flight Inc (www.inflightinc.org)

At In Flight, Inc. our mission is to empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, reach for their hopes and dreams, and support a meaningful quality of life.

Services that include services for Children:

Respite: <https://inflightinc.org/respice-services/>

Community Habilitation: <https://inflightinc.org/community-habilitation/>



www.ramapoforchildren.org

Ramapo for Children enables children and young adults with social and emotional challenges and developmental disabilities to experience success and unlock their potential.

Early Childhood Services/Northern Dutchess Day Care:

<https://northerndutchessdaycare.org/>

Camp Services: <https://ramapoforchildren.org/services-programs/camp-ramapo/>

Day Camp: <https://ramapoforchildren.org/services-programs/day-camp/>

School aged Child Care: <https://ramapoforchildren.org/services-programs/school-age-child-care/>

Adult Services: Staff Assistance Experience

<https://ramapoforchildren.org/services-programs/staff-assistant-experience/>



Taconic Innovations: www.taconicinnovations.com

Taconic Child (ages 3-5) www.taconicchild.com Preschool aged day care center.

daycare@taconicinnovations.com

Dutchess County 24 Hour Crisis



- Immediate crisis response
- Emergency mental health counseling by phone or text
- Help connecting to the mental health services and programs in the county.

Mobile Crisis Intervention Team -

caring mental health professionals who can go directly to a person in crisis to help prevent a situation from getting worse, see what the person needs, and connect them to services that can help them right away.



Dutchess County Stabilization Center

230 North Road

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

For general information contact:

(845) 486-2849

The **Stabilization Center** is a 24/7 community crisis response hub where people of all ages can connect immediately with an integrated team of counselors, peer specialists, and behavioral health professionals. Children or adults experiencing emotional distress, psychiatric symptoms, substance use challenges, or other life stressors can receive onsite care and support for up to 24 hours.

Services:

- Immediate access to whole health assessments
- Motivational interviewing and de-escalation
- Crisis counseling
- Guest-centered care planning
- Recovery and Wellness Education
- Linkages and referrals to external providers
- Peer support and engagement
- Advocacy and follow-up
- Crisis Stabilization Center- Red

OUTPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Organizations provide individual, couples, family, and group psychotherapy along with psychiatric evaluations and medication management. Please check to ensure that they accept your insurance.

Also check <https://www.psychologytoday.com> to find private outpatient services for a detailed list of mental health professionals in your area that accept your insurance.



Astor Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS) provides counseling, psychiatric services, and family advocacy to youth (ages 2-26) and their families using a strength-based approach. Our interdisciplinary team includes child psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, mental health counselors, and family advocates. First time clients can walk in between 9 am - 5 pm (see below for individual hours of operation).

OPEN ACCESS: Walk-ins for the **next available** appointment are welcome between the hours of 9am and 2pm. Please note that there may be a waiting time associated with Open Access

The Astor team has an expertise in a variety of evidence-based treatment services designed to integrate the complex and co-occurring needs of youth and families. The following is a list of the services available within the clinic:

- Family, Individual and Group Therapy
- Crisis Intervention & Safety Planning
- Psychiatric Services & Medication Management
- Psychological Testing
- Substance Abuse Screening & Treatment
- Treatment of Youth who cause sexual harm
- Family Advocacy

Astor's Outpatient Counseling Centers accept insurance and Medicaid. Clients without insurance can utilize a sliding-scale fee.

CENTER LOCATIONS

Beacon Outpatient

223 Main St, Beacon, NY 12508

(845) 838-4920 | Mon., Wed., Fri. 9-5pm; Tues. & Thurs. 9-9pm

Poughkeepsie Outpatient

46 Lincoln Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

(845) 471-6004 | Mon.-Thurs. 9-8pm and Fri. 9am-5pm

Hyde Park Outpatient

Children's Medical Group, Suite 2

4252 Albany Post Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538

(845) 233-5935 | Mon.-Thurs. 9-8pm and Fri. 9am-5pm

Dover Outpatient

6423 Rt. 55, Wingdale, NY 12594

(845) 350-3010 | Mon.-Thurs. 9-8pm and Fri. 9am-5pm

Rhinebeck Outpatient

187 E. Market Street, Rhinebeck, NY 12572

(845) 871-1535 | Mon.-Thurs. 9-8pm and Fri. 9am-5pm

Intensive Outpatient (IOP) provides intense counseling, psychiatric services, therapy groups, peer support, activity groups to youth with Medicaid (ages 6-12) that include – Emotion regulation skills – Coping skills – Interpersonal effectiveness skills – Mindfulness skills – Dialectical thinking skills

Family is an integral part of the treatment, *thus at least one caregiver must attend the IOP parent/multi-family group. Program elements are scheduled at times to be least disruptive to the adolescent and family members.*

Contact

Danielle Maiorano, LMSW,

IOP Clinic Supervisor

(845) 471-6004 Dmaiorano@astorservices.org



Nuvance Health – Behavioral and Mental Health Care

<https://www.nuvancehealth.org>



Spectrum Behavioral Health

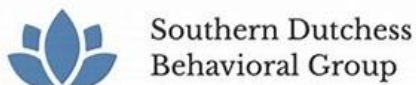
<https://spectrumbehavioralhealthny.com>

514 Haight Avenue, Arlington, NY 12603 (845) 485-3506

Hours: M – F (9am – 5pm). Sat (9am – 3pm)

798 U.S. 9 Suite A Fishkill, NY 12524 (845) 897-2384

Hours: Tu, W, F (9am – 5pm)



Southern Dutchess Behavioral Group, LLC

<https://www.sdutchessbg.com>

1285 Route 9 Suite 7B Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Call (845) 632-2939 or email Dutchessbehavioral@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

English and Spanish provider options



Mid-Hudson Behavioral Health Group, LLC

<https://midhudsonbhg.com>

942 NY-376, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

(845) 226-6585

Hours: M – Thursday (9am – 7pm) Fridays (9am – 2pm) Saturdays as needed



PM Pediatric Care: Behavioral Health

<https://pmpediatriccare.com>

Children and young adults ages 5 – 26 years old for non-emergency mental health. For more information and to request an appointment use the website listed above.



Sun River Health

<https://www.sunriver.org/services/behavioral-mental-health/>

Patients of all ages to diagnose and treat mental health conditions with respect and dignity. If needed, crisis services are available to all our patients, provided by our same great team of clinicians.

Sun River Health Beacon
6 Henry Street
Beacon, NY 12508
Dentistry | WIC - Women. Infants | Children | Medical

Sun River Health Dover Plains
3174 Route 22
Dover Plains, NY 12522

Sun River Health Family Partnership
29 North Hamilton Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Dentistry | WIC - Women. Infants | Children | Medical | Prenatal

Sun River Health Washington Street
75 Washington Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Dentistry | Women's Health | Medical | Urgent Care

Sun River Health Manchester Poughkeepsie
20 Manchester Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603



Hudson Health Minds, PLLC

Hudson Healthy Minds, PLLC offers psychiatric, mental health therapy services, substance use treatment, opiate use disorder treatment, alcohol dependency issues for children, adolescents and adults. We accept major insurance and treat most demographics, with in person and virtual visits.

Info@hudsonhealthymindsllc.com

385 Hooker Avenue, Suite 4, Poughkeepsie NY 12603
845-678-3544



<https://clearwavementalhealth.com/about-us/>

Psychiatric and Therapy Services

With Experienced and Board-Certified Psychiatrists, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners and Licensed Clinical Social Workers, the clinicians at Clearwave Psychiatry and TMS Medical are experienced and equipped to treat a wide range of mental health disorders.

TMS Therapy

A non-invasive FDA-cleared treatment that has been proven to be safe and effective for treating symptoms of depression and other mental illnesses.

Ketamine Services

Originally developed as an anesthetic, ketamine has emerged as a groundbreaking treatment in the fight against mental health disorders. Its rapid-acting nature offers significant hope for conditions traditionally resistant to treatment.

For more information or to contact <https://clearwavementalhealth.com/contact-us/>



KB Forensics
Connecting the Dots
80 Washington Street, Suite 305 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Kbunt@kbforensics.com
845-867-4926

Youth:

- Current best-practice treatment services for youth who have engaged in problematic sexual behavior
- Therapeutic services for family members/caregiver
- Conduct initial and ongoing assessments using widely accepted structured risk assessment instruments to help inform treatment planning and progress, assist in transition and reentry planning, and supervision and other case management planning.
- Strengths-based, invitational approach and trauma-informed interventions, with a focus on family/community involvement and multi-systemic response
- Collaborative goal setting with youth, family/caregivers and relevant systems (school, probation, youth-serving agencies, etc.)
- Participate in coordinated system response to insure safety within the home and community

Adults:

- Current best-practice treatment services for adults who have engaged in problematic and harmful sexual behavior (both individual and group), as well as for family members and those who provide support to them
- Conduct assessments to help inform sentencing and other legal decisions, treatment planning and progress, assist in release decision making and transition and reentry planning, and supervision and other case management planning (2014 ATSA Practice Guidelines for the Assessment, Treatment, and Management of Male Adult Sexual Abusers, pg. 11)

- Implement the most widely accepted structured risk assessment instruments to predict risk of recidivism
- Provide mental health diagnoses
- Licensed to administer the Abel Assessment for sexual interest-3TM screening instrument
- Collaborate with individuals who provide physiological testing such as polygraph and penile plethysmography
- Collaborative goal setting with clients, family members/supports and systems
- Participate in coordinated system response to ensure community safety

Therapeutic Community Programming



Hidden Hollow Farm Riding Center
845-758-0619

Therapeutic Riding

Stephanie works with children and adults with many different disabilities. She designs their program to their ability. Our riders come from both private and group home settings throughout the Hudson Valley. Our horses are carefully selected for this program by Stephanie.

Stephanie Fitzpatrick @ 845-758-0619 for pricing.

N.E.I.G.H.

Susan DeHaan designed a program for personal Development & Building Resilency.

Susan @ 914-388-1576



DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

CHILDREN'S SINGLE POINT OF ACCESS (C-SPOA)

<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/Mental-Health-Services.htm>

Identifies children/adolescents with the greatest risk of placement outside of the home as a result of serious behavioral health issues and provides timely access to an array of supports based on the identified need of the child/adolescent and the family.

C-SPOA Services and Eligibility

<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/childservice/docs/cspoa-application-part1.pdf>

Care Coordinator: The goal is to link the individual/family to community supports. To help build on the child's strengths and improve their coping skills. There are a limited number of slots for this service. It is available to families that hold private insurance.

Health Home Care Coordination: (HH) Medicaid Service Coordination for children from (5-21) that meet qualifying conditions. Acuity level is determined by care management agency

<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/childservice/docs/cspoa-application-part2.pdf>

Children's Community Residences

Children's Community Residences (CCR) are home-like programs for youth with mental health needs. They offer a temporary place for youth to live with supervision, structure, skill building and behavioral support. During a youth's time at a CCR, they attend school in the community. Youth also receive treatment services, like therapy and medication management, in the community.

CCRs are a 24 hour/7 day a week program. CCR buildings are not locked. There is a ratio of at least one staff to four youth. Youth may have their own bedroom or share with one other youth.

- [Children's Community Residences Map](#)
- [CCR Program Information for Caregivers](#)
- [CCR Program Information for Referring Providers](#)

Residential Treatment Facilities

Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF) are a type of inpatient mental health program for youth with complex mental health needs. They provide all physical, medical and mental health services for youth in their care. They provide treatment on-site, in the home, and in the community. RTFs offer a supervised and structured environment. Youth admitted to an RTF go to a school on or close to the RTF campus.

RTF's are 24 hour/7 days a week programs. There is a ratio of at least one staff to four youth. Youth may have their own bedroom or share with one or two other youth. Each RTF program has its own unique admission criteria.

- [Residential Treatment Facilities Map](#)
- [RTF Program Information for Caregivers](#)
- [RTF Program Information for Referring Providers](#)

For more information

<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/childservice/support-services.htm>

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Children's Health Home of Upstate New York (CHHUNY)

Abbott House: Irvington, NY (CHHUNY)

Contact: Filomena LoRusso, Cell #: (914) 843-7080

(914) 591-7300 ext. 13020

florusso@abbotthouse.net

Specializing in working with children's mental health issues, complex trauma and attachment disorders.

Astor Services: Poughkeepsie, NY (CHHUNY)

Contact: Denise Brown, (845) 452-2372 ext. 120

hhreferrals@astorservices.org

Specializing in working with children from birth to age 21, enrolled in Medicaid with SED diagnosis or two chronic medical conditions.

Green Chimneys: Brewster, NY (CHHUNY)

Contact: Erin Lemon, (845) 279-2995 ext. 707

elemon@greenchimneys.org

Specialize in working with children that have mental health issues, SED and special needs children, bilingual care managers and 24/7 hotline available to all families.

Mental Health America, Dutchess County: Poughkeepsie, NY (CHHUNY & CHCC)

Contact: Cody Gonzalez, (845) 473-2500 x3020

cgonzalez@mhadutchess.org

Care managers that specialize in working with children and families that are experiencing disruptions due to mental health issues and residential instability.

Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS): Goshen, NY (CHHUNY & CHCC)

Contact: Marcia Gallucci, (518) 231- 2016

mgallucci@rehab.org

Specializing in psychiatric and substance abuse disorders, transitional age youth, child welfare and SED.

The Children's Village:(CHHUNY)Newburgh, NY

Contact : Seth Mazzella, Cell# 914 564-1744

healthhomereferrals@childrensvillage.org

Specializing in working with children with SED, foster care, delinquency, and complex trauma.

Together for Youth:(CHHUNY)

Poughkeepsie, NY

Contact : Brittany Leonforte, (845) 303-5048

bleonforte@berkshirefarm.org

Specializes in work with children that have SED, chronic health conditions and LGBTQ.

Children's Health Network: (CHHUNY) Suffern, NY

agency contact # (845)369-4058

Contact: Amy Campanella (845) 323-5145

acampanella@chn4ny.com

Specializes in work with the medically fragile children

Liberty Post: Goshen, NY

Agency #: (845) 458-8661

Contact: Jessica Gonzalez (845) 699-0431

jgonzalez@liberty-resources.org

Specializes in young children 0-10 years that may have early intervention / special education needs

Community Healthcare Collaborative (CHCC)

Skyward health/Community HealthCare Collaborative (CHCC):

Amenia, NY (CHCC)

Contact: Sophia Huang, (914) 570-8648

shuang@sunriver.org

Specializing in chronic health conditions, diabetes, obesity, hypertension, and caring for your mental health/wellness when managing chronic issues.

Mental Health America, Dutchess County: Poughkeepsie, NY (CHHUNY & CHCC)

Contact: Cody Gonzalez, (845) 473-2500 x1363

cgonzalez@mhadutchess.org

Care managers that specialize in working with children and families that are experiencing disruptions due to mental health issues and residential instability.

Rehabilitation Support Services (RSS): Goshen, NY (CHHUNY & CHCC)

Contact: Marcia Gallucci, (518)231-2016 / Alexa Limato (845)551-6792

mgallucci@rehab.org / alimato@rehab.org

Specializing in psychiatric and substance abuse disorders, transitional age youth, child welfare and SED.

Children and Youth Evaluation Services (C-YES)

The Children and Youth Evaluation Service (C-YES) is a statewide program that determines whether a child/youth (under age 21) is eligible for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) for children who do not currently have Medicaid or for children who opt-out of the Health Home Serving Children's program. To make a referral or learn more information – [C-YES](#)

How to refer a child/youth without Medicaid to be evaluated for HCBS

C-YES accepts referrals from individuals and providers including a parent, wider family member, doctor, therapist, school guidance counselor, CBOs and others:

Individual and families should call C-YES so that we can send you a Referral Form in the mail right away! You can mail back the form in a pre-paid envelope at no cost to you.

Call C-YES at 1-833-333-CYES (1-833-333-2937).

Providers and Organizations with secure email methods can download the Referral Form and Health Home Opt-Out Form below. Return the form to: CYESREFERRAL@MAXIMUS.COM Be sure to include the child/youth's name and contact information!

- [C-YES Referral Form - English](#)
- [C-YES Referral Form - Spanish](#)

- [Health Home Opt-Out Form - English](#)
- [Health Home Opt-Out Form - Spanish](#)

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR HIGHER COMPLEXITY



Astor Enhanced Coordinated Children's Services Initiative (ECCSI)

Contact: Katie Castell, LCSW-R **Phone:** (845) 430-9861

ECCSI is a Dutchess County funded process intended to facilitate collaboration between families and service providers to meet each family's unique needs. The goal of the ECCSI is to prevent out of home placement of children between the ages 0-18. Pregnant women are also eligible. Families must reside in Dutchess County and ECCSI support is provided at no cost to the families. Family members can directly self-refer and must be involved with more than one community service. Caretakers and youth who have criminal charges pending and/or are already involved in DCFS Preventive Programming are ineligible.

ECCSI Goals include: • Increasing each individual family's knowledge, access, and participation in community-based services • Assisting families to navigate successfully multiple systems and providers.



Astor High Fidelity Wraparound (HFW)

Contact: Kimberly Connolly **Phone:** (845) 417-4517

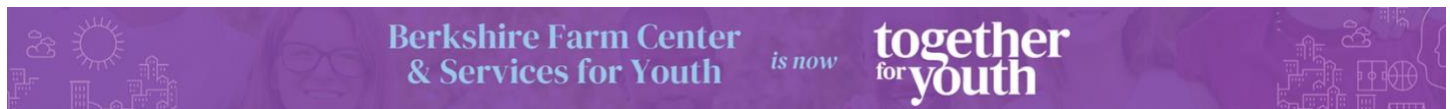
The High-Fidelity Wraparound (HFW) is an evidence-based model of care coordination that uses a highly structured, team-based, family-centered management process. The process involves intensive, individualized planning and managing for children and youth (ages 12-21) with serious social, emotional, or behavioral concerns. The children and youth served by HFW are involved in multiple child service systems, such as behavioral health, child welfare, juvenile justice, and special education. The family is provided with weekly services from the HFW Team, consisting of a Care Manager, Family Peer Advocate, and Youth Peer Advocate. In utilizing this wrap-around approach, several positive outcomes are possible such as sustained familial cohesion and stabilization, improved academic performance, and lower rates of hospitalization and residential treatment.



Astor Serving Youth in Their Communities (SYNC)

Contact: Trish Luchnick, Director of Family Driven Care **Phone:** (845)554-1365 x112

Serving Youth iN their Communities (SYNC) offers an array of the new state plan services which can be provided in a youth's home, school, and other community-based locations. These services are tailored to meet the behavioral and emotional health needs of each child. In partnership with families, SYNC is dedicated to keeping children with behavioral health difficulties in their communities and current school placements through early intervention thereby avoiding more intensive and even out of home treatments. Through supportive skill-building and clinical services, SYNC helps to build a strong foundation so that youth and families can be active and productive members of their communities



Together for Youth Functional Family Therapy LLC (FFT)

Contact: Katrina Lesniak Phone: (518) 429-0413 klesniak@berkshirefarm.org

Medicaid or Managed Medicaid service for families with youth ages 0 – 18 with youth experiencing behavioral, social, and/or emotional difficulties are provided this empirically grounded family intervention program to increase protective factors and reduce risk factors. The clinician engages with the family for an average of 12 – 18 sessions over a four to six month period in partnership with all of the family members. The phases of treatment include: engagement, motivation, relational assessment, behavior change, and generalization.



OnTrackNY

Contact: Chaya Rubin, PsyD Outreach & Recruitment Coordinator **Phone:** (845) 741-8734

Supporting young people with mental health challenges across New York State. OnTrackNY is a network of coordinated care teams across NYS that offers comprehensive, personalized support – including therapy, help with school and work, peer support, connection to community resources, support for physical health, family services, and/or medication – to teens and young adults who are impacted by unexpected changes in their thinking and perceptions. Services for young people age 16 to 30 years old, experiencing unusual thoughts, or feeling suspicious of others, noticing changes in the way things look or sound, and challenged by feelings of stress, fear, anger, or confusion.

HOSPITAL DIVERSION



Astor Dutchess Intensive Day Treatment (IDT) Phone: 845-486-4944

A transition program requiring local school district referral operated in Poughkeepsie through Astor and DC BOCES. This program is for students in crisis and can provide stabilization through a more intense therapeutic environment, prevent hospitalization or provide support following a hospitalization. The IDT program is five days a week with daily group therapy, individual therapy, three hours of academic tutoring and a planned gradual transition back to the home school. There is a middle and high school 30 day program for students ages 13 and over and a 60 day program for children ages 7 through 12 years.



Astor Home-Based Crisis Intervention Program (HBCI) Phone: 845-554-1365

The Astor Home-Based Crisis Intervention Program (HBCI), designed to prevent psychiatric hospitalization or out of home placement, is an intensive, short-term crisis intervention service and family education program. Crisis intervention, home-based assessment & treatment planning, psycho-education, family & individual therapy, care management & referral services are provided by our interdisciplinary staff. This program serves ages 5 – 20.

Therapists are available to families' by phone 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, to respond to a crisis situation. Referrals to Astor's HBCI Program are accepted from psychiatric hospital emergency services, schools, children's mental health providers, family members, as well as other public agencies working with children



Astor Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) Phone: 845-554-1091

PHP offers a short-term intensive treatment program designed to keep adolescents in the community, decrease problematic symptoms, and prevent psychiatric inpatient hospitalization. PHP uses Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) as the primary evidenced-based treatment model. This program may be used as an initial point of entry into mental health care; as a step up from routine or intensive outpatient services; as a step down from acute inpatient care; or to prevent hospitalization. Services provided by the interdisciplinary team include intensive group, individual, and family therapy, medication management, referral services, discharge planning, crisis intervention, and weekly DBT Caregiver Support Group. Youth

also receive 2 hours of education per day through DC BOCES. Program operates Monday through Friday from 8:30-3:30pm with 24 hours, 7 days a week coaching in the event of a behavioral health crisis. Referrals can be made by phone (845-554-1365) to Astor's Partial Hospital Program. An intake/screening appointment will be offered to be held within 48 hours of the phone call.



Charlie Health Phone: (866) 491-5196

Anneliese Gartner Clinical Outreach Manager anneliese.gartner@charliehealth.com 914-621-7667

Virtual teen intensive outpatient programming (IOP) is a structured and intensive form of mental healthcare designed specifically for adolescents. Delivered directly to teen in their homes, this treatment offer more frequent therapy sessions than traditional weekly therapy.

Services provided:

Curated Groups

Individual

Family

Family Programming offers a comprehensive range of free support groups and resources tailored for parents, caregivers, and loved one of current or alumni. These resources are designed to help families navigate the treatment journey, providing essential support throughout the process. Available throughout the week and on weekends.

<https://www.charliehealth.com/family-and-alumni>



HealthAlliance Hospital Behavioral Health Emergency Services (24/7)

Psychiatric Emergency Department: [845-338-2500](tel:845-338-2500)

Behavioral Health Emergency Services are provided at HealthAlliance Hospital, seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and offer evaluation and treatment of a wide range of psychiatric disorders. The Behavioral Health Emergency Services team focuses on your safety and comfort, as well as the safety of others during the mental health assessment. Our team of compassionate professionals is committed to helping you improve your emotional health.

Other Behavioral Health Services include:

- Adult and Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Programs
- Medical Detox
- BridgeBack
- Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program, including Day Rehabilitation and Early Recovery Treatment Services
- Opioid Treatment Program (OTP).



Four Winds Hospital

Phone: 518-584-3600 and dial Option 4.

The Child and Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program provides a full day intensive group therapy treatment program whose goal is to prevent psychiatric inpatient hospitalization or to offer additional support as a step down from an inpatient stay. Child program for children in the 3rd grade or older, Adolescent program for ages 13- 17.

PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT



Four Winds Hospital

800 Cross River Road
 Katonah, New York 10536
 Phone: 1-914-763-8151
 Admissions: 1-800-528-6624

Child Treatment - Provides a nurturing, therapeutic, home-like environment integrating the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis, which promotes positive reinforcement for socially appropriate behaviors.

Pre-Teen Treatment - Specialized treatment for patients experiencing emotional and behavioral dyscontrol and a wide range of psychiatric disabilities. Focus on developing social skills, mastering impulse control and promoting healthy communication.

Adolescent Treatment - Specialized treatment and programming for patients with depression, anxiety, mood disorders, impulsive and disruptive behaviors, specialized learning, social and developmental needs. Treatment based on Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) and the Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS) approach to help teens acquire skills to achieve behavioral control.

Adult Treatment - Comprehensive evaluation and specialized treatment for adult patients managing psychosocial stressors and life challenges including: depression, anxiety, psychosis, and co-occurring substance abuse disorders.



Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center

Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital
241 North Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Emergency Psychiatric Care 845-431-8892
Mental Health Services Outpatient – Children, Adolescents, Adults 845-431-8287

Adult Inpatient Treatment Treatment is focused on reducing the patient's symptoms and moving the patient on to continuing outpatient care in the community. The multi-disciplinary team approach utilizes the skills of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses and recreational and expressive therapists. In addition to two acute care psychiatric adult units, the Behavioral Health Center has a third unit which serves as a general inpatient psychiatric population and those with combined psychiatric and medical problems.

Child/Adolescent Inpatient Treatment Two specialized units, one for children and one for adolescents, provide comprehensive evaluations and treatment in a structured setting. Treatment includes milieu, individual, group and family therapy and medication, if necessary. Discharge planning is done in cooperation with parents and involved agencies. A psychiatric multi-disciplinary team approach is used and includes psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, educators and recreational and expressive therapists. Consultation with pediatricians is available, as needed. During their stay, children attend school located in the building to minimize any disruption in their education. Both units have access to indoor and outdoor recreational facilities.

SAFETY AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE

[Child Abuse Hotline](#)

Reports of suspected child abuse or maltreatment should be made immediately to the New York Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment.

New York State and the New York State Child Protective System recognize certain professionals as holding the important role of mandated reporter of child abuse or maltreatment. These professionals can be held liable by both the civil and criminal legal systems for intentionally failing to make a report.

Mandated reporters must file, within 48 hours of an oral report, a signed, written report, [Report of Suspected Child Abuse or Maltreatment \(LDSS-2221A\)](#). This written report is to be filed with the appropriate local CPS.

Do You Suspect Abuse or Maltreatment?

Report it Now!

This hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Call our Statewide Toll Free Telephone Number:

[1-800-342-3720](tel:1-800-342-3720)

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TDD/TTY at

[1-800-638-5163](tel:1-800-638-5163)

OR have your Video Relay System provider call

[1-800-342-3720](tel:1-800-342-3720)

**If you believe that a child is in immediate danger,
call **911** or your local police department.**

NYS OCFS Mandated Report Training

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/cps/mandated-reporter-training.php>

[Department of Community and Family Services: Child Protective Services](#)

60 Market Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

845-486-3000

Based on a report to the State Central Registry Hotline, Child Protective Services investigates the and assesses the need for services, provides crisis intervention and refers for community services.

Has anyone threatened to harm you, your family, or a loved one?

New York State Adult Domestic Violence Hotlines

English: 1-800-942-6906

Spanish: 1-800-942-6908

NYS Elder Abuse Hotline: 1-800-342-9871

NYS Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-342-3720

National Domestic Violence Hotline

www.thehotline.org

1-800-799-7233 Text: 1-800-787-3224



A **Hope Card** is a portable version and/or summary of an order of protection. Parties with final orders of protection may request and receive, free of cost, a physical Hope Card, a digital Hope Card, or both, which they can carry in their wallet, pocket, or on their cell phone. A physical Hope Card is a durable, wallet-sized card with a summary of the information on the order of protection and a QR code link to a digital image of the order. A digital Hope Card is a digital image of the order. Physical Hope Cards are sent to the protected party by mail, while digital Hope Cards are sent to the protected party by email or text message, with a secure link to the digital image.

A **Hope Card** request can be made online at <https://hope.nycourts.gov> or by filing a Hope Card Request (UCS-HCR1) form with the court clerk's office at any Criminal, Family, or Supreme court.

Hope Card Request forms are available online at

<https://www.nycourts.gov/LegacyPDFS/forms/hopcard/hope-card-request-2024-fillable-new.pdf> or at a criminal, family, or supreme courthouse.

For more information on What A Hope Card is: [Hope Card | NY CourtHelp](#)

For access to Hope Card Frequently Asked Questions: [Home page - HopeCardsWeb](#)

[About the National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline | RAINN](#)

When you call 800.656.HOPE (4673), you'll be routed to a local sexual assault service provider in your area. Trained staff can provide confidential support and connect you to resources in your area.

www.rainn.org

Office of Victim Services (OVS)

800-247-8035 (NYS)

Victims of crime can receive financial compensation for lost belongings, lost wages and other crime related expenses.



Family Services

*29 N Hamilton St
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845-452-1110*

Family Services provides 24/7 support to victims of violence and other crimes. We are recognized leaders in the community's response to domestic violence and sexual assault, helping victims understand they are not alone, their safety is a priority, and they have options. Our person centered approach supports survivors' rights, dignity, healing and self-determination.

Dutchess County Domestic Violence

[845.485.5550](tel:845.485.5550)

Rape Crisis/Crime Victims

[845.452.7272](tel:845.452.7272)

Ulster County Crisis Intervention

[845.338.2370](tel:845.338.2370)

Orange County Crisis Intervention

[1.888.750.2266](tel:1.888.750.2266)

Center for Victim Safety and Support (CVSS) CVSS provides 24-hour non-residential, comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes. CVSS also specializes in enhancing the systems response to victims of crime as well as prevention of crimes. We operate under the guidelines of a victim-centered approach, supporting victims' rights, dignity, autonomy, and self-determination.

To enhance the systems response to victims of crime, CVSS follows a model of co-location, where staff split their time between the main office and partner agencies throughout the community to facilitate partnerships and streamline services to victims.

24-hour hotlines: We provide a 24-hour domestic violence hotline and a 24-hour rape crisis/crime victim's hotline. These hotlines are a resource for community members in need including primary and secondary victims, law enforcement, medical professionals, partner agencies, and other community members in need of assistance. The rape crisis/crime victim's hotline is also the Dutchess County hotline for human trafficking victims.

Chat Line (NEW SERVICE): CVSS advocates are now available by chat to offer information, advocacy, and support to individuals who have been impacted by violence. To access CVSS Chat by cell phone, text 845-583-0800. To access CVSS Chat online, visit www.resourceconnect.com/cvss/chat. The Chat Line is open Monday – Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm. If you need immediate assistance outside of Chat Line hours, please contact us on our 24-hour hotlines: 845-485-5550 or 845-452-7272.

**If you have reason to believe that someone could be monitoring your activity on a computer, phone, or tablet, you may want to find another device for chatting or call us on our 24-hour hotlines.*

Advocacy/Accompaniment: Victim Advocates staffed at CVSS are professionals trained to support victims of crime. Advocates offer victims information and referrals, emotional support, guidance, and help finding resources. Advocates accompany victims throughout their process including going with them to court, police, social services, hospitals, and others.

Counseling: CVSS provides an array of services to help victims through their healing process including 3 months of free trauma counseling and support groups. Therapy or counseling can help people who have experienced trauma make sense of their experiences and feelings, develop plans to stay safe, learn healthy coping skills, and connect with other resources and support.

Rape Crisis Services: CVSS Victim Advocates provide rape crisis services and are on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to respond to and accompany sexual assault victims and secondary victims to hospital emergency rooms, police departments and court rooms.

Domestic Abuse Response Team: The Domestic Abuse Response Team Project (DART) works to enhance the criminal justice response to domestic violence to increase the accountability of offenders as well as increase safety of victims through coordination of services. DART is an interdisciplinary approach consisting of the Special Victims Bureau of the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office, DART advocates at CVSS, police officers from each of the DART Police Departments, DART Probation Officers from the Dutchess County Office of Probation and Community Corrections, and the Project Coordinator for the Universal Response to Domestic Violence.

High Risk Case Management: CVSS leads the Dutchess County High Risk Response Team. The goal of this project is to reduce lethality in domestic violence cases with the goal of preventing homicide. The High-Risk Team is a multidisciplinary group of local professionals that identifies and addresses the most serious and potentially lethal cases of domestic violence in the county.

Lethality Assessment Program: CVSS partners with local law enforcement agencies in the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP). LAP consists of an 11-question screening tool, used by law enforcement when responding to a domestic incident and an accompanying referral protocol. The program has established an effective method to connect victims of domestic violence who have the greatest risk of being seriously injured or killed by their abusers to a domestic violence service provider immediately following an abusive incident.

Elder Case Management Services: For individuals 60+ who have been the victim of financial exploitation, neglect, psychological abuse, sexual abuse or domestic violence. The goal of the program is

to provide early recognition and intervention, intensive case management, community outreach, training and education, and to prevent further instances of abuse.

Underserved populations: CVSS is committed to working towards an end to violence in traditionally underserved communities. CVSS provides services for victims with special needs, such as differently abled, non-English speaking, or hearing impaired. Non-English-speaking domestic violence victims are accommodated by CVSS staff who are fluent in Spanish and by access to 24/7 Language Line services. Additionally, CVSS provides services with an informed understanding of specific needs and challenges of LGBTQ survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse. CVSS recognizes the barriers that many underserved populations may face when accessing any type of service, so we also offer referrals to allied organizations according to individual needs.

Outreach/Education: CVSS provides outreach and education to community members in an effort to spread awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes as well as to make the community aware of victim's rights and services. We also have a comprehensive intern/volunteer program and provide a 40-hour training course in the NYS Department of Health Rape Crisis Certification for community members.

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All services are free, accessible, and confidential. The Center for Victim Safety and Support serves people of all racial/cultural backgrounds, religions, sexual orientations (lesbian, gay, bisexual, heterosexual), gender identities (men, women, transgender people), abilities, citizenship status and ages.

SNUG SNUG is an evidence-based street outreach program based on the Cure Violence Model in Chicago, which treats gun violence like a disease by identifying its causes and interrupting its transmission. The program focuses on youth between the ages of 14 and 24 who are at high risk for involvement with gun violence. The SNUG team develops and implements risk-reduction strategies to reduce that involvement with the goal of saving lives and helping individuals turn their lives around.

Hours & Location

29 North Hamilton Street, Suite 225
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
[845.452.1110](tel:845.452.1110) ext. 3184

Domestic Violence Offender Project (DVOP) The DVOP is an offender-focused, victim-centered strategy which includes tailored interventions based upon different tiers of offending. The DVOP is designed to hold accountable domestic violence offenders in our community who are known to law enforcement with the goal of reducing violence, recidivism, and interrupting the escalation of violence. The DVOP also provides a connection to case management services for offenders. The goal is to establish strong norms against domestic violence while offering offenders' resources to change their behavior.

Hours & Location

29 North Hamilton Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Onaje Benjamin [845.452.1110](tel:845.452.1110) ext. 3129 obenjamin@familyservicesny.org

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) was developed in 2015 to provide victim-centered, trauma-informed response to sexual violence in our community. This multidisciplinary team is made up of partners including the District Attorney's Office, the Department of Community and Family Services, Center for Victim Safety and Support, Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital and their Forensic Acute Care Team, City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, Hyde Park Police Department, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, Relapse Intervention for Sex Crimes, Bard College, Marist College, the Culinary Institute of America, Vassar College, Dutchess Community College, and other community agencies. Our current goals focus on: implementing trauma-informed training to all of our partners; creating awareness in the community about sexual violence and resources available; and developing a county-wide, victim-centered, trauma-informed protocol for responding to sexual violence.

Administrative Office Located at

*29 North Hamilton Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601*

24 Hour Rape Crisis Hotline

[845.452.7272](tel:845.452.7272)

Kathy Peluso, SART Coordinator [845.452.1110](tel:845.452.1110) ext. 3530 kpeluso@familyservicesny.org

Universal Response to Domestic Violence (URDV) The Universal Response to Domestic Violence Project works to oversee a coordinated community response to domestic violence. Through collaboration with the District Attorney's Office, Department of Community and Behavioral Health, Department of Community and Family Services, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, Dutchess County Family Court, Integrated Domestic Violence Court, Dutchess County Probation and Community Corrections, City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, City of Beacon Police, Family Services' Center for Victim Safety and Support, Family Services' Domestic Abuse Awareness Classes, Grace Smith House, and House of Hope come together to form the Project's Steering Committee. These agency representatives' partner to implement and maintain the coordinated community response by addressing gaps in the systemic response to domestic violence. To act as a liaison between all agencies, the Project employs a Project Coordinator.

Contact

Keith Hudes [845.452.1110](tel:845.452.1110) x3127 khudes@familyservicesny.org



casada12601@gmail.com

The Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Abuse (CASADA) is a diverse group of individuals and organizations committed to ending interpersonal, familial, and sexual violence in Dutchess County. We seek to achieve this through education, advocacy, and political action. We acknowledge that these abuses

know no boundaries, although the primary victims are women and children. We assert the fundamental right of every individual to live in a safe and nurturing environment.

Keeping New Yorkers safe, the SAFE fund provides financial assistance directly to [#survivors](#) to help remove financial barriers to safety. Through SAFE, a survivor was able to pay legal fees for her divorce, severing ties with her abuser. Learn more about SAFE here:

<https://ow.ly/T4ix50TYICI>



[Grace Smith House, INC.](#)

24 Hour Hotline: 845-471-3033

Provides both residential and nonresidential services to victims of domestic violence and their children. The mission of Grace Smith House is to enable individuals and families to live free from domestic violence by:

- Providing shelter and apartments, advocacy, counseling and education
- Raising the consciousness of the community regarding the extent, type and seriousness of domestic violence
- Initiating and taking positions on public policies in order to provide options which empower victims of domestic violence

All Grace Smith House services are free and confidential for victims of domestic violence.

Crisis Intervention & Information: 24-hour crisis hotline to help victims assess their individual situation, assist in creating a safety plan for themselves and their children, and understand options available. Referrals and information about our services are available.

Shelter: Grace Smith House operates secure emergency shelter for individuals and their children, staffed and open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Assistance with meals, transportation, employment, housing, and counseling services are provided.

Transitional Housing: Apartments for those exiting from a short-term shelter stay to a more independent living environment. Emotional support and advocacy is provided on site.

Domestic Violence Counseling & Support Groups: Offer individual and group counseling for victims of domestic violence. Trained counselors facilitate groups for victims and survivors to help acknowledge their experiences of violence and learn non-violent methods of problem solving and communication.

Advocacy & Accompaniment: Assistance with police, courts, social services, employment, housing and other resources. Guidance on legal issues, such as orders of protection, child custody matters, and other issues.

Latina Outreach: Spanish-speaking advocacy and counseling. Assistance with the unique issues facing victims in the Latina community.

Community Education: Community, business & school-based programs focus on identification of domestic violence, resources available, and the referral process. Youth education focuses on bullying, digital abuse, and relationship violence prevention and intervention.



The Child Advocacy Center

35 Van Wagner Road
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603
845-454-0595
Monday–Friday 9AM to 5PM

Contact

Jessica Ferrantino

Child Advocacy Center Coordinator
(845) 249-4884

What is the CAC? The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is a family-friendly space for alleged child victims of sex abuse and/or extreme physical abuse. Trained staff at the CAC conduct forensic interviews with the

children at the CPCA to ensure a safe space for children to disclose their stories of abuse. The CAC staff consists of law enforcement, CPS workers, a crime victim advocate, and program coordinators.

Why have a CAC? Each team member at the CAC plays an integral role in the healing process for the family. The goal of a CAC is to reduce the trauma for the child by providing a safe space where a child can disclose their story of abuse to different professionals without having to repeat it multiple times. The CAC houses all disciplines to keep the child as comfortable as possible, and have all professionals come to one location.

How does the process work?

Upon arrival at the center, the children and non-offending family members are welcomed to sit in one of the family rooms, fully equipped with toys and games for children of all ages before the interview process begins.

CPS and law enforcement explain the interview process to the family before conducting a detailed forensic interview with the child in a private space.

The non-offending caregivers are then debriefed on the child's interview and the next steps in the investigation process.

What is the role of an Advocate?

The victim advocate is there to help them through the process. The advocate: comforts the families, listens to concerns

connects families to resources., refers families to other services, follows up with the family after the case has been investigated Examples of Services: Access to food pantry and storage room supplies, Educational Pamphlets, Parenting Classes, Mental Health Referrals, Support Groups, Housing Assistance, Domestic Violence Services and Family Court Assistance.

OCFS HEARS Family Line
(Help, Empower, Advocate, Reassure and Support)

1-888-55HEARS (1-888-554-3277)
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The HEARS family line assists parents and families by providing resources and referrals to a variety of services. Caring representatives guide families to services including food, clothing, housing, medical and behavioral health care services, parenting education and child care.

Representatives are available to help Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The line offers messages in 12 languages.

HEARS Flyer in Multiple Languages

Please download and/or print these flyers as needed.

Download the [HEARS Flyer in English](#)

The HEARS flyer is available in other languages:

• عربي • বাংলা • 简体中文 • 繁體中文 • English • Français • Kreyòl

Ayisyen • Italiano • 한국어 • Polskie • Русский • Español • Kiswahili • اردو • עברית



DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

Commissioner: Sabrina Jaar Marzouka
60 Market Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Agency Telephone: 845-486-3000

<https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Community-Family-Services/Docs/DCFS-10-Ways-We-Help-You.pdf>

Transitional and Supportive Services

- Family Assistance (TANF)
- Safety Net Assistance
- Emergency Aid to Families and Adults
- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Day Care Assistance
- Home Energy Assistance
- Indigent Burial
- Child Support
- Medicaid
- Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)
- Low Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWAP) ▪ <https://otda.ny.gov/LIHWAP>

Additional Functions

- Special Investigation Unit
- Fair Hearings
- Administrative & Fiscal Services

Children's Services

Division Phone:	845-486-3220	Fax:	845-486-3238
Phone Hot Lines:	Child Abuse Hotline		800-342-3720
	Child Abuse Hotline for Mandated Sources		800-635-1522
	Justice Center Hotline		855-373-2122
Division Contacts and Titles:	Amanda McGann-Watson, Director		845-486-3012
	Heather Vosburgh, Assistant Director		845-486-3067
	Melissa Scianna, Quality Assurance Case Manager		845-486-3086
	Marsha Thomas, Quality Assurance Case Manager		845-486-6361
	Tom Tait, Chief Quality Assurance Supervisor		845-486-3277
Hours of Operation	Monday- Friday: 9am – 5pm		
Other Specifics about Business Hours	Child Protective Services case managers and supervisors provide on call coverage 24 hours per day, 365 days per year to investigate reports of Child Abuse or Neglect made to the New York State Central Register Child Abuse Hotline.		

The Children's Services Division provides a wide array of services to promote the safety, permanency and wellbeing of Dutchess County children. Services are provided directly by staff members in the division and through contracts with many public and private community agencies. Services address issues including but not limited to substance abuse, mental illness, developmental disabilities, domestic violence, sexual abuse, medical needs, and child care. Contracts for a continuum of foster care services are also maintained, from foster home care through institutional care.

Children's Services – Adoption and Home-Finding

Unit Phone:	845-486-3220	Fax:	845-486-3238
Unit Supervisor:	Felice Sarmiento, Adoption Supervisor		845-486-3279
	Monica Balassone, Home Finding Supervisor		845-486-3085

- Recruits, trains, certifies, and monitors foster/adoptive families on a continuous basis;
- Determines appropriate foster/adoptive home placements for children when these are needed;
- Conducts foster parent, public and adoption home studies.

Often our foster parents become adoptive parents. Others provide temporary care until children are discharged to more permanent living situations. When possible, children can be placed with relatives as foster parents.

To inquire about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, call 845-486-3230 or email fostercare@dutchessny.gov

Children's Services – Child Protective Services

Unit Phone:	845-486-3080	Fax:	845-486-3111
Unit Supervisors:	Rebecca Andersen, Case Supervisor		845-486-3365
	Jade Brown, Case Supervisor		845-486-3079
	Mary Garcia, Case Supervisor		845-486-3358
	Stella Varon, Case Supervisor		845-486-3074
	Laurie Miller, Case Supervisor (CAC)		845-486-6501
	Heather Stickle, Case Supervisor		845-486-3396
	Christina Weiner, Case Supervisor		845-486-3394

- Investigates reports of alleged child abuse or maltreatment received through the State Central Register (SCR) 24 hours per day seven days per week;
- Offers/arranges services when needed for families through the Department's own programs and community service providers to ensure child safety and reduce the risk of future abuse or maltreatment;
- Participates in the Dutchess County Multidisciplinary Investigative Team at the Child Advocacy Center, to conduct investigations with law enforcement regarding allegations of sexual abuse and serious physical abuse of children.

Children's Services – Foster Care

Unit Supervisors	Jackie Sessa, Case Supervisor Vanessa Stuart, Case Supervisor	Phone	845-486-3065 845-486-3095
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- Ensures safe, nurturing temporary care for each child in foster care or Article 10 placement with relatives, with the goal of return to family if possible, adoption if the family cannot be reunited, or preparation for independent living or discharge to another appropriate resource as is appropriate for each child;
- Ensures that all foster children receive the medical, developmental, educational and mental health services they require;
- Works with birth parents of children to arrange services and resolve issues that brought their children into foster care so that children may safely return home.

Children's Services – Institutional Care and Detention

Unit Phone:	845-486-3220	Fax:	845-486-3238
Unit Supervisor:	Vicki Rivera		845-486-3084

- Arranges for and supervises non-secure and secure detention placements when Family Court remands youth to detention;
- Arranges for voluntary foster care placements for Dutchess County children and families when necessary;
- Locates, coordinates and supervises placement of children in all levels of foster care;
- Provides case management to children placed in therapeutic foster home, group home or institutional settings to address their emotional, developmental or medical needs.

Children’s Services – Safe Harbour

Office Phone:	845-249-4878	Fax:	845-454-0129
Cell (call/text):	914-475-3589		
24 hr. Victim Hotline:	845-452-7272		
	David Garcia, Safe Harbour Coordinator David.Garcia@dfa.state.ny.us HumanTrafficking@DutchessNY.gov		

- Assists in identifying victims of labor and sex trafficking and coordinating trauma informed services
- Provides case management for youth up to the age of 21, who are suspected of being trafficked or are at high risk of being exploited
- Access to services to support the immediate safety needs of youth (food/clothing/shelter)
- Provides presentations to youth on various topics including Human Trafficking, Internet Safety, Sexting and Sextortion
- Facilitates Prevention Education Programs for high school and middle school youth
- Assists families with referrals to supportive services
- Provides community and professional presentations on Human Trafficking

Youth Services

Division Phone:	845-486-3664	Fax:	845-486-3288
Division Head and Title:	Assistant Commissioner for Youth Services Karmen Smallwood, 845-486-3129 karmen.smallwood@dfa.state.ny.us		
	Sr. Youth Worker Corinne Lesko, 845-486-3664 corinne.lesko@dfa.state.ny.us		

Youth Services staff members provide free, confidential short term supportive services for youth residing in Dutchess County ages 4 to 21 years. Assistance includes:

- Direct services for youth and families to help problem solve personal, family or school difficulties;

- Advocacy to ensure youth rights are respected;
- Referrals to find additional help;
- Education to teach coping skills plus presentations to community or school groups on youth issues.

The Division administers the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) grant funding to promote positive youth development, increase youth developmental assets and decrease juvenile delinquency. The Division is also responsible for providing youth empowerment opportunities in the community, increasing public awareness of youth issues, and enhancing community resources for children and youth through inter-agency collaborations.

The Division also oversees the **Path To Promise Initiative**, a multi-year effort to ensure all young people in Dutchess County, from birth to age 19, have the assets they need to achieve their fullest potential as they grow into young adults. <https://pathtopromise.net/>

DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE PROGRAMS Concerns with Youth Under the Age of 12 engaging in challenging, and problematic behavior, including criminal activity. For youth under the age of 12 who raise concerns for criminal activity and other problematic behaviors they are engaging in, referrals can be made to the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) for services and support. These referrals for intake can be made by law enforcement agencies, schools, parents, or community agencies. For questions and/or to inquire about making a referral for the DCFS Differential Response Program under Raise the Lower, call (845) 486-3664 or (845) 486-3024.

Other Services Provided by Contracts with Community Agencies Include:

Astor Services

Intensive Home Based Preventive Services
Enhanced Coordinated Children’s Services Initiative (ECCSI)

Together for Youth

Non-secure detention services
Pathways Preventive Services

Child Abuse Prevention Center

Child Advocacy Center Coordination
Supportive Parenting Program

Children’s Home of Poughkeepsie

Preventive Services
Wendy’s Wonderful Kids
Family Opportunity Center

Department of Behavioral and Community Health

A co-located Public Health Nurse (PHN)

Family Services, Inc.

Crime Victims & Domestic Violence Services
Family Education Preventive Services

Grace Smith House

Two domestic violence liaisons located in Children’s Services - provide direct client services, training and consultation for staff regarding domestic violence issues

Hudson River Housing, River Haven Shelter

Respite services for youth

JFC Consulting

Medical consultation on child abuse cases.

Lexington Center for Recovery

Two co-located substance abuse professionals

Westchester Institute for Human Development

Child sexual abuse medical examination

Office of Probation and Community Corrections

Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) and/or Juvenile Delinquents (JDs), to avoid the need for detention or out-of-home placement

Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.

Preventive and mentorship services to youth aged 12-17

Adoption, Kinship and Foster Care

<https://www.nysnavigator.org/family-resources/resource-map/>

New York Kinship Navigator <https://www.nysnavigator.org/family-resources/resource-map/adoptive-foster-family-coalition-of-new-york/>

Adoptive and Foster Family Coalition of New York (Dutchess and Putnam)

<https://www.nysnavigator.org/family-resources/resource-map/adoptive-and-foster-family-coalition-of-new-york-lks-dutchess-and-putnam/>

OLV Human Services-Kinship Caregiver Program

<https://www.nysnavigator.org/family-resources/resource-map/olv-human-services-kinship-caregiver-program-2/>

Adoptive and Foster Family Coalition of NY (AFFCNY): AGAPE Hudson Valley – Permanency Resource Center

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<https://www.nysnavigator.org/family-resources/resource-map/adoptive-foster-family-coalition-of-new-york/>

Address: 108 Main Street New Paltz, NY 12561

Program Contact: Trudy Kent

Phone: 914-419-3207

Email:trudy@affcny.org

Website:<https://affcny.org/AGAPE>

Serves:

914-419-3207

- Families formed through adoption, guardianship, or kinship relationships – relative/non-relative caregivers’ w/ guardianship, custody, KinGAP, or informal relationships
- Serves Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, & Westchester

Services: Family driven, free of cost to improve well-being of youth & caregivers – may include

- Case management
- Home visiting
- Educational and/or mental health advocacy
- Referral to community resources (e.g. therapists, recreational programs, financial supports)
- Therapeutic parenting trainings (in-person and virtual)
- Support groups for parents/caregivers (in-person and virtual)
- Respite outings
- Family fun events
- Support groups for youth (in-person and virtual)
- Can be referred/self-referral through main website



Abbott House: HEART – Permanency Resource Center

<https://www.nysnavigator.org/family-resources/resource-map/abbott-house-heart-permanency-resource-center/>

Address: 100 Commerce Drive New Windsor, NY 12553

Headquarters: 100 North Broadway Irvington, NY 10533

Contact: Nathaneal Hicks

Phone: (914) 813-1866

Email: heart-prc-referral@abbotthouse.net

Website: www.abbotthouse.net

[HEART Permanency Resource Center Brochure](#)

Serves: Non-Parent caregivers w/ no formal legal designation, legal custody, legal guardianship, & post-adoptive families residing in Dutchess, Orange, & Westchester counties

Services:

- Educational Advocacy Assistance
- In-Home Counseling (child/parent)
- Family Engagement Activities
- Referrals to Community Providers
- Youth Support Groups
- Parent Support Groups
- Parent Training Sessions
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Respite Services for Youth
- Individual and Group Activities
- 24 Hour Crisis Telephone Availability



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension

Relatives as Parents Program is a free community-based program that works with families throughout Dutchess County providing educational workshops, peer support groups, respite events, inter-generational activities, referrals and resources for non-parent caregivers raising children. RAPP staff works with non-parent caregivers and their children to provide a fun, safe, welcoming space for them to connect with other families in situations similar to their own.

Adult Support Group & Youth Programming

Promotes group discussion and peer support through parenting and kinship education. Provides referrals to community resources and presentations from local organizations. Encourages leadership and empowerment through workshops and youth directed activities.

Twice a year, all of the support groups can join together for special events: the Winter Holiday Party and Summer Picnic. The purpose of these events is to provide encouragement and fun for kinship care families.

RAPP Monthly Schedule:

Monthly, we currently offer an evening in-person event that provides a family-style dinner, the parent discussion and peer support group and the children's activity and engagement group. This event takes place the first Wednesday of the month.

Our Zoom parent discussion and peer support group occurs the second Thursday of the month.

Each event starts at 6PM. Please reach out for additional information!

Contact: Heather Ohlson

Educator; Family & Consumer Education Program/ Marketing & Communication

hlo9@cornell.edu

845-677-8223 x156

Legal Fact Sheets The NYS Kinship Navigator houses over fifty cited legal fact sheets on topics ranging from Financial Assistance to Legal Advocacy.

Caregivers can access these fact sheets to assist them in applying for benefits through DSS, at family court, enrolling a child into school, and many other topics.

Our fact sheets are organized by topic and are easily downloadable.

<https://www.nysnavigator.org/legal-resources/legal-fact-sheets/>

DUTCHESS FAMILY COURT - 9th JD



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Hon. Jeffrey C. Martin, AJSC
Hon. Denise M. Watson, AJSC

Chief Clerk

Hillary Vegaromero
Deputy Chief Clerk

Lisa Kressman
Support Magistrate

Steven R. Kaufman
Jeanne M. Patsalos

Court Attorney Referee

Kelly S. Myers

Court Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday 9 am - 5 pm, excluding [NY state holidays](#)

Alternative Dispute Resolution [ADR](#)

General Information

ADA: The Courthouse is ADA accessible. Contact the court for specific accommodations. [ADA Liaisons](#)

Childrens Center

[Statewide Childrens Center Information](#)

Resources

[Free Legal Help with Child Support Matter](#)



The Children's Center Program:

50 Market Street 2nd floor
Poughkeepsie NY 12601
845-431-1854

The Children's Center provides childcare for children and caregivers who are:

- Part of a Family Court case
- Completing an evaluation

We also provide referrals to services in the community such as daycare, WIC, Medicaid, literacy programs, counseling, support programs, and further resources that may be useful to families. Our goal is to help families feel supported. Activities for children The Children's Center engages children in ways that are fun and encourage development. • Board games • Drama play • Reading • Arts and crafts • And more All children are offered snacks and beverages. This service is free to all caregivers with courthouse business. Registration is required. Please arrive at least 10 minutes ahead of your court appointment to complete an intake form. All information is confidential.

Center Hours: Monday – Closed Tuesday – Fridays 9:30am – 4:30pm



Families First Court Initiative (Families First) provides Family Court-involved youth ages 12-18 and their families with intensive supports on abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, persons in need of supervision, and order of protection matters, in order to reduce the use of congregate care and prevent further system involvement

Katelynn van Zutphen
Clinical Coordinator

kvanzutphen@nycourts.gov

The Families First Clinical Coordinator will provide trauma-responsive and developmentally informed support throughout the court process with expert knowledge in adolescent development and community services that are available to provide support. The Clinical Coordinator will be there to support the whole family in navigating complicated legal and social service systems and connect the family to services that will meet the specific needs.

Monthly Clinical Conferences will allow the family to have an active role in planning with everyone involved, including the parents and child attorneys, and anyone else that may be a support for the family members.

The Dedicated Families First Judge will lead with a trauma-responsive judicial approach and ensure more frequent court appearances so that a family's progress can be noted more often than traditional appearances.

Support and Advocacy for Increased Contact if appropriate and applicable, the coordinator will advocate for increased contact or visitation to strengthen relationships and support reunification.

An Emphasis on Repairing Parent-Child Relations is a goal of the Families First when things have happened to harm the relationship.

IMMIGRANTS AND NEWCOMERS

Red Cards/Know Your Rights - <https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas>

Immigration Legal Resource Center - <https://www.ilrc.org/>

Emergency housing/legal for undocumented families with <https://www.hvjc.org/>

NY Immigration Coalition <https://www.nyic.org/>

New Americans/Department of State
<https://dos.ny.gov/office-new-americans>

US Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS is the government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States.

Administration for Children's Services (ACS)

For help with immigration relief, you should speak to an immigration attorney. To find free or low-cost immigration attorney in NYC, you can:

- Contact ActionNYC, city program that provides free and confidential help to determine your immigration status and eligibility to receive immigration relief. Call [1-800-354-0365](tel:1-800-354-0365) or [call 311](tel:311) and say "ActionNYC" or visit [ActionNYC](#).
- Call New York State Office of New Americans hotline at [1-800-566-7636](tel:1-800-566-7636) or visit [New York State Services](#).
- [Learn more about Special Immigrant Juvenile Status \(SIJS\)](#), a form of immigration relief for children and youth under 21.

- Review the [list of New York State community organizations](#) that may offer immigration legal assistance.

[Catholic Charities Immigration Services](#)

Through our immigration and refugee assistance work, we assist immigrants and refugees in their new New York home. We help newcomers reunite with their families, make their home a safe place, learn English, prepare for citizenship, and apply their talents and skills to gain employment.

Our services are available in New York City, Lower Hudson Valley, Westchester, Rockland, Sullivan, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, and Ulster counties. Though our immigrant and refugee assistance hotlines we serve people throughout the United States.

[Northeast Dutchess Immigrant Services](#)

Northeast Dutchess Immigrant Services (NEDIS) aims to be a guiding light of direct support, leadership development, and education for all immigrant communities in Northeast Dutchess County.

[New York Immigration Coalition](#)

The New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) is an umbrella policy & advocacy organization that represents over 200 immigrant and refugee rights groups throughout New York.

[Hudson Valley Justice Center](#)

The Hudson Valley Justice Center provides free high-quality legal counsel for poor and low-income individuals in the Hudson Valley, regardless of immigration status. We offer free consultations, immediate advice and counsel, brief services, and direct representation in a range of legal matters.



The Children's Home of Poughkeepsie
10 Childrens Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Nuevas Alas / New Wings Program

The Nuevas Alas / New Wings Shelter program serves refugee children who are fleeing from their countries of origin to seek safety in the United States. The goal of the program is to reunify children with their families as quickly as possible and ensure their safety and well-being. Youth who enter the program receive medical attention, academic instruction, and recreational programming in addition to Case Management and Clinical services.



DUTCHESS COUNTY OFFICE OF PROBATION AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Kathy McQuade – Director
50 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845-486-2600

Raising the Lower Age - A Differential Response for Children 7 Through 11 Years of Age

As part of promoting the well-being of children, families and communities, New York State passed legislation that raises the lower age of juvenile delinquency to 12 years old in almost all cases, as of December 29, 2022 to develop a differential response for children younger than 12 who do not fall under the definition of juvenile delinquent. This legislation provides a critical opportunity for New York State to shift from criminalizing certain behaviors to providing young people with support services and assistance from differential response programs. The purpose of the differential response is to prevent the youngest children, who exhibit and engage in problematic behavior, from involvement with the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. Differential response services are voluntary, community-based, and aim to meet the needs of eligible children and their families by providing opportunities and support that promote racial, ethnic, and gender equity, and overall well-being.

Raise the Age (RTA)

New York's [Raise the Age \(RTA\) legislation](#) changed the age that a child can be prosecuted as an adult to 18 years of age in criminal cases in New York State. Prior to RTA, New York was one of two remaining states to hold 16 year-olds criminally responsible. RTA changed the age of criminal responsibility to:

Learn more at [Raise the Age New York](#).

- 16 and 17-year-olds charged with misdemeanors under the penal law are considered Juvenile Delinquents and their cases are decided in the Family Court.
- 16 and 17-year-olds charged with misdemeanors under the Vehicle and Traffic Law are considered adults and their cases are decided in the local criminal court.
- 16 and 17-year-olds charged with felonies are considered Adolescent Offenders (AO) and their cases start out in the Youth Part of the Supreme or County Court. AOs whose cases are removed from the Youth Part in Supreme or County Court to Family Court, will then be considered Juvenile Delinquents. If the AO is charged with a felony under the Penal Law or the Vehicle and Traffic Law, and charged with a misdemeanor under the Vehicle and Traffic

Law, all the charges may go to the Youth Part together. The felonies may be sent to Family Court, but the misdemeanor under the Vehicle and Traffic Law will either stay in the Youth Part or be sent to the local criminal court.

Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS)

What behavior indicates that a parent should consider filing a PINS petition?

It is important to seek help early, before your child nears the age of 18. If your child is engaging in any of the following behaviors, you may wish to consider filing a PINS complaint through the Dutchess County Office of Probation and Community Corrections:

- Running away
- Truancy
- Frequently breaking curfew
- Frequently defiant - not responding to parental authority
- Drug and alcohol use

Of course, many youth display some of these behaviors from time to time, especially during adolescence. However, if your child is frequently or habitually engaging in these behaviors and you believe that he or she is beyond your control, a PINS complaint is one course of action to consider. Sometimes counseling and other family supports can help improve the situation. River Haven offers counseling and emergency housing for runaway teens or teens that can benefit from a “cooling off” period.

How do I file a PINS complaint, if this is what I decide to do?

If you decide to file a PINS complaint, you may contact *the Office of Probation and Community Corrections* at 845-486-2600 for an appointment to discuss your concerns. If a PINS complaint is decided upon, a probation officer will gather information about your child.

As the parent/complainant, you have the right to withdraw the complaint at any time, unless the case has LEADY BEEN FORWARDED TO Court for further interventyion.. However, if a school or other party files against your child, they may request court intervention if they believe the matter has not been successfully resolved.

Juvenile Delinquent (JD)

A juvenile delinquent, under New York law, is someone who is currently at least twelve years of age under the age of 18 and has been adjudicated of either a felony or a misdemeanor. It's distinguished from a criminal conviction, so juvenile delinquency proceedings are held in [family court](#), as opposed to criminal court. It doesn't necessarily mean that people under 18 cannot still be charged as adults; it just means that the vast majority of people below the age of 18 will now be in family court, as opposed to adult criminal court. The juvenile justice system focuses more on rehabilitation of juvenile, rather than

punishment. The family court will, generally speaking, only look to put a juvenile in detention if alternatives have been explored, they are considered a constant runaway, or at risk of committing further criminal activity. To place a youth longer outside of their home, the Court must consider the least restrictive alternative that is deemed to be in their best interest and the community's.

What Is the Difference Between a Juvenile Delinquent Adolescent Offender and a Juvenile Offender?

A juvenile delinquent is a youth at least twelve years old but below 18, charged with either a felony or a misdemeanor in family court. A juvenile offender is a youth 13-15 who commits a serious felony. An adolescent offender is a youth 16-17 who commits any kind of felony. Both the juvenile offender and the adolescent offender would be handled in a special part of criminal court called the Youth Part.

Under the new Raise the Age and Raise, which took effect December 2022, a person under the age of 12 cannot be charged as a juvenile delinquent, unless it's certain crimes involving murder or manslaughter. Instead, they can be referred to the Differential Response Program through the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS).



[Astor Services Probation Based Services](#)

Juvenile Risk Intervention Services Coordination (J-RISC) is a community-based service offered through Dutchess County's Department of Community Corrections and Probation. The program offers Functional Family Therapy to youth identified as high-risk for Family Court involvement and/or juvenile detention or placement. J-RISC utilizes an intensive team intervention approach. The team includes a Probation Officer dedicated to the J-RISC assigned youth, a probation employed Case Manager, and an Astor clinician specifically trained in the evidence-based model, Functional Family Therapy (FFT).

Services Offered

- Seeks to reduce risk factors while enhancing protective factors
- Develops specific behavior change plans with the families that are sustained beyond completion of the program
- Increases the family's ability to use community resources and engage in relapse prevention
- A YASI reassessment is completed with all youth at the end of services
- Youth who complete the program have lower rates of placement and lower rates of the youth's re-involvement with the juvenile justice system.

Referrals

Family Court Unit Probation Officers refer youth identified as high risk by the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI).

Megan (Meg) Wright mwright@astorservices.org 845-204-5223

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & SNAP

SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program helps low-income working people, seniors, and the disabled to put healthy food on the table. SNAP benefits are issued electronically on a monthly basis. SNAP eligibility is based on household income, household size, and other factors. For secure, fast, and confidential service you can log onto:

www.mybenefits.ny.gov or you can also apply in person at Dutchess County Department of Community and Family *For more specific information, visit the DCFS office at 60 Market St., Poughkeepsie, or call 486-3000.*
Services locations:

DCFS Beacon 223 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508

Tel: (845) 838-4800, Fax: (845) 838-4888

M-F 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

DCFS Eastern Dutchess Government Center 131 County House Road, Millbrook, NY 12545

Tel: (845) 677-5532, Fax (845) 677-5508

M-F 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

DCFS Main Office 60 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Tel: (845) 486-3000, Fax: (845) 486-3232

M, T, Th, F 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesdays – emergencies only

The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services provide assistance with the costs of housing, medical care, food and other emergency needs, with eligibility based on income and medical need. There are a variety of programs, with different eligibility requirements. Financial assistance may also include work requirements, participation in a treatment program or the filing of a support petition.

SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME AND DISABILITY INSURANCE

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

877-405-6747 or 800-772-1213

SSI is a program that pays monthly benefits to eligible individuals with disabilities who have limited income and assets. Eligibility requirements must be met and the process is lengthy. Persons eligible for SSI are also eligible for Medicaid and Food Stamps. This program is available to children and adults. For a child, it is based on the parent's income until they are 18, then only the child's income and assets are considered.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

877-405-6747 or 800-772-1213

SSDI is a program that pays monthly benefits to adults who become disabled and have worked long enough to meet the "work credits" requirement. It is also available to children who were disabled before the age of 22 and whose parents are retired, disabled or deceased.



DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Dana Smith – Commissioner

392 Creek Road

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

845-486-2080

911response@dutchessny.gov

9-1-1 EMERGENCY SERVICES

Emergency Services are about protecting you and your loved ones. There are thousands of men and women in Dutchess County who dedicate their lives to serving and protecting our community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are always there - whether it be local EMS workers, firefighters, or police officers from our municipalities, the Dutchess County Sheriff's office, or the New York State Police.

Our 9-1-1 Dispatchers are your lifeline to emergency services. These professionals work hard to ensure responders reach you as quickly as possible. In the case of emergency, remember to dial 9-1-1. It saves lives.

Dutchess County Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Response and Education

(J-FIRE)

845-486-3994 jfire@dutchessny.gov

The Dutchess County [J-FIRE Program](#) provides a comprehensive, non-punitive, multidisciplinary approach to address the problem of juvenile fire setting by early identification, assessment, education, and intervention on the effort to protect lives and property. J-FIRE uses an evidence-based assessment process that helps determine the level of risk as well as educational strategies for children and families. In collaboration with firefighters, police and probation officers, and mental health clinicians, the J-FIRE program services are available to youth ages 3-17 to improve safety for the families in Dutchess County. To make a referral call or email and an Intervention Specialist will follow up for an appointment to meet. The same phone number and email can be used for requesting information and/or asking a question.

Emergency Management

The Emergency Management Division is responsible for coordinating Dutchess County's response to requests for emergency disaster assistance from municipalities. This assistance can include support to local incident commanders during emergencies, the use of the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to manage assets and resources deployed in a large-scale disaster and being a resource for receiving assistance and support at the state and federal levels such as through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Division is also responsible for the County's emergency preparedness activities, working with local, state, federal and private sector partners in emergency management to plan and prepare for large-scale, multi-jurisdictional responses to disasters.

The numbers listed below are for **NON-EMERGENCY USE ONLY**. To report an emergency, **DIAL 9-1-1**.

Dutchess County Emergency Medical Services

Beacon

Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corp 845-831-4540

Poughkeepsie, City

Mobile Life Support

Towns

Amenia

Amenia Rescue Squad 845-373-8467

Wassaic Rescue Squad 845-373-8807

Beekman

Beekman Rescue Squad 845-724-5280

Clinton

East Clinton Rescue Squad 845-266-3602
West Clinton Rescue Squad 845-889-4444

Dover

J.H. Ketcham Rescue Squad 845-877-6514
Northern Dutchess Paramedics Emergency Medical Services

East Fishkill

East Fishkill Rescue Squad 845-226-1652

Fishkill

Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps 845-831-4540
Mobile Life Support

Hyde Park

Fairview Fire Department
Hillside Fire Department
Northern Dutchess Paramedics Emergency Medical Services
Pleasant Valley Rescue Squad 845-635-2117
Roosevelt Rescue Squad 845-229-2746
Staatsburg Rescue Squad 845-889-4563
West Clinton Rescue Squad 845-889-4444

LaGrange

LaGrange EMS 845-452-4989

Milan

Milan Rescue Squad 845-758-1742

North East

Millerton Rescue Squad 518-789-4645

Pawling

T/Pawling Ambulance

Pine Plains

Pine Plains Rescue Squad 518-398-1311

Pleasant Valley

Pleasant Valley Rescue Squad 845-635-2117

Poughkeepsie

Fairview Fire Department
Mobile Life Support
Arlington EMS 845-486-6304

Tivoli

Tivoli Rescue Squad 845-757-4445

Rhinebeck

Rhinebeck Rescue Squad 845-876-3133

Stanford

Stanford Rescue Squad 845-868-7421

Union Vale

Union Vale Rescue Squad 845-677-9262

Wappinger

Empress Ambulance Service

Washington

East Clinton Rescue Squad 845-266-3602

Millbrook Rescue Squad 845-677-3200

Villages**Fishkill**

Mobile Life Support

Millbrook

Millbrook Rescue Squad 845-677-3200

Millerton

Millerton Rescue Squad 518-789-4645

Pawling

Pawling Ambulance

Red Hook

Red Hook Rescue Squad 845-758-8706

Rhinebeck

Rhinebeck Rescue Squad 845-876-3133

Tivoli

Tivoli Rescue Squad 845-757-4445

Wappingers Falls

Mobile Life Support

POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office

108 Parker Ave
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

845-486-3800

- Pine Plains Substation **518-398-5234**

New York State Police

Troop K Headquarters
2541 Route 44
Salt Point, NY 12578

845-677-7300

Beacon City Police Department

1 Municipal Plaza
Beacon, NY 12508

845-831-4111

Beacon Volunteer Ambulance

1 Arquilla Drive
PO Box 54 Beacon, NY 12508

(845) 831-4540

East Fishkill Town Police Department

2468 Route 52
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

845-221-2111

Fishkill Town Police Department

807 Route 52
Fishkill, NY 12524

845-831-1110

Fishkill Village Police Department

1095 Main St.
Fishkill, NY 12524

845-896-9260

Hyde Park Town Police Department

1433 Route 9G
Hyde Park, NY 12538

845-229-9340

Millbrook Village Police Department

PO Box 349
35 Merritt Ave.
Millbrook, NY 12545
845-677-7300

Millerton Village Police Department

PO Box 528
21 Dutchess Ave.
Millerton, NY 12546
518-789-6355

Pine Plains Town Police Department

PO Box 955
3284 Route 199
Pine Plains, NY 12567
518-398-8601

Poughkeepsie City Police Department

PO Box 300
62 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, NY 12602
845-451-4000

Poughkeepsie Town Police Department

19 Tucker Dr.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
845-485-3666

Red Hook Village Police Department

7467 S. Broadway
Red Hook, NY 12571
845-758-6780

Rhinebeck Village Police Department

90 Mulberry St.
Rhinebeck, NY 12572
845-876-8181

Wappingers Falls Police Department

2628 South Ave.
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
845-297-1011

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Amenia town

Amenia Fire Department - 845-373-8467

Arlington

Arlington Fire District Headquarters - 845-486-6300, 845-486-6304

Arlington Engine Company #1 - 845-486-6311

Red Oaks Mill Fire Company - 845-486-6033

Rochdale Fire Company - 845-486-6314

Croft Corners Fire Company - 845-463-6037

City of Beacon

W.H. Mase Hook & Ladder Company HQ - 845-831-1334

Beacon Engine Company #1 - 845-831-0780

Lewis Tompkins Hose Company #2 - 845-831-3516

Beekman

Beekman Fire Company - 845-724-5280

Chelsea

Chelsea Fire Company - 845-831-4434

Clinton East

East Clinton Volunteer Fire Department - 845-266-3602

Clinton West

West Clinton Fire Company #1 - 845-889-4444

West Clinton Fire Company #2 - 845-266-3333

Dover

J.H. Ketcham Hose Company #1 - 845-877-6514

J.H. Ketcham Hose Company #2 - 845-832-6985

Dutchess Junction

Dutchess Junction Fire Company - 845-831-2790

East Fishkill

East Fishkill Fire District Headquarters - 845-226-1652

Hopewell Hose Company #1 - 845-221-2481

Stormville Fire Company #2 - 845-221-5661

Hillside Lake Fire Company #3 - 845-227-8860

Wicoppee Fire Company #4 - 845-897-4280

Fairview

Fairview Fire Department - 845-452-8770

Fishkill Village

Protection Engine Company - 845-896-6613

Glenham

Slater Chemical Engine Company - 845-831-2322

Hillside

Hillside Fire Department - 845-876-3307

Hughsonville

Hughsonville Fire Department - 845-297-3735

Hyde Park

Hyde Park Fire Department - 845-229-5258

LaGrange

S.W. Phelps LaGrange Fire Company #1 - 845-227-2723

LaGrange Fire Company #2 - 845-452-4989

Southwest LaGrange Fire Company #3 - 845-462-2277

Milan

Milan Volunteer Fire Company #1 - Jackson Corners - 518-398-7694

Milan Fire Company #2 - Rock City - 845-758-8240

Milan Fire Company #3 - LaFayetteville - 845-758-6446

Millerton

Millerton Fire Department - 518-789-4645

Millbrook

Millbrook Fire Department - 845-677-3871

New Hackensack

New Hackensack Fire Company - 845-297-3897

New Hamburg

New Hamburg Engine Company #1 - 845-297-8895

East End Engine Company #2 - 845-297-7550

Pawling

Pawling Engine Company #1 - 845-855-3630

Holmes Hose Company #2 - 845-878-6019

Mizzentop Engine Company #3 - 845-855-3327

Pine Plains

Pine Plains Hose Company - 518-398-1311

Pleasant Valley

Pleasant Valley Fire Company #1 - 845-635-2117

Salt Point Fire Company #2 - 845-266-5177

Poughkeepsie City

City of Poughkeepsie Fire Headquarters - 845-451-4082

O.H. Booth Hose Company #2 - 845-451-4086

Poughkeepsie Engine Company #7 - 845-451-4084

Red Hook

Red Hook Fire Department - 845-758-8706

Rhinebeck

Rhinebeck Fire Department - 845-876-3133

Rhinecliff

Rhinecliff Fire Department - 845-876-6149

Rombout

Rombout Fire Department Headquarters - 845-896-8620

Rombout Fire Department #2 - 845-897-4413

Roosevelt

Roosevelt Engine Company #1 - 845-229-2746

Roosevelt Engine Company #2 - 845-454-5070

Roosevelt Engine Company #3 - 845-229-2716

Staatsburg

Dinsmore Hose Company #1 - 845-889-4563

Staatsburg Engine Company #2 - 845-229-9288

Stanford

Stanford Fire Company - 845-868-1313

Tivoli

Tivoli Fire Department - 845-757-4445

Union Vale

Union Vale Fire Department #1 - Verbank - 845-677-9262

Union Vale Fire Department #2 - Clove - 845-724-5885

Wappingers Falls

W.T. Garner Engine Company #1 - 845-297-9022

S.W. Johnson Engine Company #2 - 845-298-7952

Wassaic

Wassaic Fire Company - 845-373-8807

For additional information regarding the Fire Department or the Emergency Medical Service agency serving your area, you can contact the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response at: 845-486-2080, or toll free 1-800-211-3536, or by e-mail to: 911response@dutchessny.gov. Your request will be forwarded to the appropriate Fire Chief.

ADDICTIONS (USE, ABUSE & RECOVERY SERVICES)

The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (NYS OASAS) Toolkit for parents and mentors, designed to offer resources and information about cannabis and how to talk to young people about the risks of underage cannabis use and the impact it can have. This free toolkit is available in both English and Spanish on the OASAS website.

<https://oasas.ny.gov/news/nys-oasas-announces-release-new-cannabis-toolkit>



[Lexington Center for Recovery](#)

[Links to National websites, Hudson Valley services, Self Help Groups, Nicotine , Youth Resources, and recommended reading and viewing](#)

<https://lexingtonctr.org/resources/>

Lexington's Mission is to assure that the needs of individuals, families and those in the community affected by substance use disorder are addressed through a holistic approach to recovery, with the recognition that healing comes within a loving circle of support. We provide innovative programming to address the daunting challenges facing this population. We strive to provide quality community-based, client-centered services to those affected by substance use disorder no matter when or where the need arises.

Page Park Clinic

41 Page Park Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

845.486.2950 845.486.2999

Mon **9am – 5pm**

Wed **9am – 7:30pm**

Tue, Thur **9am – 8:30pm**

Fri **8:30am – 4:30pm**

Walk-in Hours Mon, Wed, Fri 9am – 10:30am; 1pm – 2:30pm

Additional Evaluation times available by appointment

- Multi-service clinic for anyone in the community affected by substance use disorder
- Services provided by a Psychiatrist, Licensed Mental Health Counselors, Social Workers and CRPAs
- Services include: comprehensive substance abuse and psychiatric assessments; individual counseling sessions; weekly group sessions; family counseling sessions;
- MAT services for opioid and alcohol use disorders and specialized groups to address co-occurring disorders, opioid use disorders, and specific needs for women and persons involved in the criminal justice system
- Peer specialists on staff to provide individualized case management and recovery support services such as transportation, obtaining insurance and other benefits, arranging appointments and medical transportation, coordinating care and leading daily peer support groups
- Trauma focused individual therapy including EMDR, and trauma focused groups including DBT, MRT, Art Therapy, Narrative Therapy, Yoga for Recovery and co-occurring recovery groups

Day Rehabilitation Program: For clients in early recovery who need treatment 5 days a week. Services include: group and individual sessions utilizing evidence-based curriculum; educational sessions; planned group activities; CBT/anger management; DBT; tobacco/nicotine recovery; co-occurring disorder counseling; trauma-focused counseling; yoga; recreation; daily meals

Main Street Clinic – Poughkeepsie

New Address as of 1/19/24 One Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

845.486.8880

845.486.8885

Mon – Fri **8am – 4:00pm**

Evaluation times available by appointment

- Multi-service clinic for individuals in the community affected by substance use disorders
- Licensed employees providing care include a Psychiatrist, Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Mental Health Counselors, CASACs, Social Workers and CRPAs
- Services include: comprehensive substance abuse and psychiatric assessments; DWI assessments, individual counseling sessions; weekly group sessions; family counseling sessions; MAT services for opioid and alcohol use disorders as well as specialized groups to address co-occurring disorders, opioid use disorders, and specific needs for women and persons involved in the criminal justice system
- A Certified Peer Specialist is on staff to provide individualized recovery support services, aid in scheduling medical transportation, help to obtain insurance and other benefits and to help to coordinate care

- Trauma-informed individual therapy is available in multiple modalities including EMDR, and trauma-focused groups, alcohol/DWI, DBT, MRT, Art Therapy, Narrative Therapy, yoga for recovery and co-occurring recovery groups

Southern Dutchess Clinic

942 Route 376, Suite 201-204 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

845.765.2366

845.765.2367

Mon 9am – 7pm

Tue, Thur 9am – 8:00pm

Wed, Fri 9am – 5pm

Walk In Hours for Evaluations

Tues **5pm – 7pm**

Wed **9am – 3pm**

Additional Evaluation times available by appointment.

Adolescent Evaluations by appointment

- Multi-service clinic for anyone in the community affected by substance use disorder
- Services include: comprehensive assessments, individual sessions; weekly group sessions
- Adolescent Services: an on-site treatment program which provides individual and group counseling; a specialized program called MAPS
- Medication Management as needed

Satellite Clinic

Dover Plains

7 Dover Village Plaza Dover Plains, NY 12522

845.444.2333 845.789.1022

Mon – Fri: **6am – 2pm**

Additional evaluations times available by appointment at Lexington’s Page Park Clinic

- Services include: comprehensive assessments; individual sessions; weekly group sessions
- Psychiatric Services as needed

Teen and Young Adult Programs

Page Park Clinic

41 Page Park Drive Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

845.486.2950 845.486.2999

Dover Plains

7 Dover Village Plaza Ste #2 Dover Plains, NY 12522

845.444.2333 845.789.1022

Southern Dutchess Clinic
942 Route 376 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
845.765.2366 845.765.2367

What we offer

- Individual Counseling
- Group Therapy
- Family Sessions
- Parent Support
- Life Skills Training
- Recreational Activities
- Substance Abuse Education
- Relapse Prevention
- Community Involvement
- Home Visits
- Coordination of Care

Significant others, adolescents and young adults are also welcome to come for counseling if they have a loved one who is struggling with substance use disorder.

The Seven Challenges Program: An evidenced-based program designed for substance abusing or substance dependent young people, to motivate a decision and commitment to change. It helps young people look at themselves, understand what it takes to give up a drug abusing lifestyle—and prepare for and attain success when they commit to making changes.

The Seven Challenges

1. We decided to open up and talk honestly about ourselves and about alcohol and other drugs.
2. We looked at what we liked about alcohol and other drugs, and why we were using them.
3. We looked at our use of alcohol or other drugs to see if it has caused harm or could cause harm.
4. We looked at our responsibility and the responsibility of others for our problems.
5. We thought about where we seemed to be headed, where we wanted to go, and what we wanted to accomplish.
6. We made thoughtful decisions about our lives and about our use of alcohol and other drugs.
7. We followed through on our decisions about our lives and drug use. If we saw problems, we went back to earlier challenges and mastered them.

Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital Turning Point

*Inpatient Programs • 845.483-5511
241 North Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
Outpatient Programs • 845.483.5512
201 South Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601*

Turning Point at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital is dedicated to providing hope and support to those individuals and their families whose lives have been affected by chemical dependency. We enter into partnerships with our patients, staff and referents to provide the highest level of care through service, communication and clinical excellence. Our goal is to facilitate the total recovery of the individual and family by teaching sobriety in the most effective and respectful manner possible.

The interdisciplinary treatment team at Turning Point consists of clinicians highly skilled in the field of chemical dependency and mental health treatment. Therapeutic alliances are established early in order to facilitate effective treatment planning. Patient and referent satisfaction surveys reveal that our patients consistently value the individualized treatment approach we provide.



Council on Addiction Prevention & Education (CAPE)

[31 Marshall Rd, Suite 3G, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590](https://www.capedc.org/)
[845-765-8301](https://www.capedc.org/)

<https://capedc.org/>

CAPE is a NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) licensed provider and a contract agency of Dutchess County. Their dedicated staff provides training, prevention counseling, community education, and recovery services to individuals, families, businesses, schools, community groups, and other local organizations. They also host annual community events to raise awareness, increase interagency collaboration, and foster unity among community members.

PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS: Provide evidence-based presentations in schools, colleges, community-based organizations, and businesses throughout the county related to drinking and driving, underage drinking, alcohol and substance use, and gambling. This program also works with the school-based SADD chapters.
Contact: education@capedc.org or 845-765-8301 x104

PREVENTION EDUCATION & COUNSELING PROGRAM (PROJECT SUCCESS): Provides licensed counselors in 4 districts and 10 schools offering substance use/addiction prevention education and counseling to students, faculties, families, and communities through individual and group counseling, information and referral services, and family communication programs. Contact: counseling@capedc.org or 845-765-8301

TEEN INTERVENE: An evidence-based program for teenagers (age 12-19) who exhibit mild to moderate problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Motivational interviewing techniques guide this intervention to develop/improve communication and coping skills, and to educate students about the harmful effects of substance use on health. This is a grant-funded program. Contact: education@capedc.org or 845-765-8301 x104

TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS & VIOLENCE: This 10-week evidence-based drug and violence prevention curriculum (designed by The Mendez Foundation) focuses on developing young people's social and emotional learning through fun and interactive lessons. These lessons aim to reduce risk factors associated with substance use disorder and increase protective factors, such as pro-social attitudes, healthy relationships, resistance to substance use, conflict management, and resistance to negative peer pressure and influence. Students build self-confidence and skill sets to make healthy decisions and achieve their goals. Contact: education@capedc.org or 845-765-8301 x104

PEER ENGAGEMENT SPECIALISTS: The peer specialists will assist individuals and families facing substance use disorder/addiction, by helping them navigate the existing systems and services that can lead to recovery. Contact: recovery@capedc.org or 845-765-8301

TEEN DRIVING: A FAMILY AFFAIR: A locally developed program that brings the Victim Impact Panel model into local high schools as part of the student's application for their parking permit, which allows them to drive to school. The program mandates that both the student and a parent attend this modified VIP, which includes victims of substance-related crashes as well as representatives from the District Attorney's Office, the insurance industry and the medical community. Parents and students gain an understanding of the serious legal, medical, insurance, and emotional costs of driving distracted and of driving under the influence. Contact: teendriving@capedc.org or 845-765-8301 x104

BLINDSPOTS: An educational intervention (designed for parents and guardians) that allows participants to explore a model teen bedroom and identify paraphernalia and other possible indicators of substance use/misuse. Follow-up includes a presentation to review and discuss the various paraphernalia in the model room. Contact: education@capedc.org or 845-765-8301 x104

ALIVE AT 25: This is a court-mandated, four-and-a-half-hour, evidence-based driver's awareness course. The class is designed by the National Safety Council for young drivers ages 16-24. Participants gain awareness, develop safety strategies, and build a foundation for healthy and responsible decision-making. CAPE's prevention educators are certified by the National Safety Council. This is a fee-based program. Contact: alive@25@capedc.org or 845-765-8301 x104

VICTIM IMPACT PANEL (VIP): A program that serves the entire community by providing a monthly forum on the painful consequences of driving under the influence given by those whose lives have been forever changed by an impaired driver. People convicted of DWI and DWAI are mandated by the courts to attend VIP, with the goal of reducing recidivism. This is a fee-based program, available in both English and Spanish. Contact: vip@capedc.org or 845-765-8301 x104



<https://havendetoxnow.com/locations/hurley-new-york/>

At The Haven Detox, we've assembled the most highly credentialed and experienced staff. Our therapists, physicians, and behavioral health technicians are dedicated to immersing patients in the recovery experience. Our mission is to treat every person who walks through our doors with the same level of compassion and respect we would want for ourselves or a family member. With an experienced staff, campus community environment, proven treatment process, and commitment to generating the best outcomes, we have created a model unique to Florida which puts the patient first. No one should have to repeat a treatment episode, therefore we do everything we can to make each patient's experience truly individual and grounded in a commitment to lifelong recovery.

When entering a teen rehab center, your teenager will be supported by a compassionate staff who will guide them through every step of the process. While detox and rehab can be a complicated process to go through, The Haven aims to make the experience as comfortable and safe as possible so that our patients can focus on recovery and not discomfort.



Oxford House

www.oxfordvacancies.com

786-314-9632 Jamonte Johnson – Dutchess County

985-373-1788 Chandra Brown – Regional Manager

Oxford House offers a supportive way of living and opportunities to learn life skills in a substance free environment for males only. This cost effective way to improve the chances of recovery from alcoholism and drug addiction may be the best way to show the community that recovery works and that recovering individuals can become model citizens. The houses are run democratically, must be financially self-supporting and can expel any member who has returned to active use.

Move in fee \$200 due upon acceptance and weekly \$200 fee that includes rent, fully furnished home, all utilities and basic supplies (coffee, laundry soap, toilet



<https://haventtc.com/#>

We're Here 24/7 If you or a loved one is struggling with addiction, don't face it alone. Reach out to Never Alone Treatment Center today and take the first step towards a life of sobriety and fulfillment. You are never alone in your journey to recovery.

Our admissions department is available 24/7 and happy to answer any questions you may have about our facility or treatment options.

Verify Your Insurance

20 Crofts Road, Hurley, New York 12443

(845) 479-6888

info@haventtc.com

Treatment Programs We offer a comprehensive range of evidence-based treatment programs specifically tailored to meet the needs of teenagers. Our individualized approach ensures that each young person receives personalized care that addresses their physical, emotional, and psychological well-being.

Safe And Nurturing Environment Our facility provides a safe and nurturing environment where adolescents can heal and thrive. From therapy to aftercare planning, we offer a continuum of care that supports their recovery journey every step of the way.



Resources for youth

ABOVE THE INFLUENCE – www.abovetheinfluence.com

This site gives facts to teens that help them stand up to negative influences, such as the pressure to use drugs and alcohol.

THE COOL SPOT – www.thecoolspot.gov

The Cool Spot gives kids 11–13 years old facts about alcohol use, its effects, and tips for handling peer pressure. Created by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

JUST THINK TWICE – www.justthinktwice.com

This site for young people gives information about drugs and their consequences. Created by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

NIDA FOR TEENS – <http://teens.drugabuse.gov>

Teens can learn about drugs, get advice from other teens, watch educational videos, and play brain games. There are sections for teachers and parents. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) created the site.

STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS (SADD) – www.sadd.org

SADD wants to stop the things that can happen because of bad decisions, especially those involving underage drinking, drug use, impaired and risky driving, and teen violence and suicide.

TEENS.SMOKEFREE.GOV – <http://teens.smokefree.gov>

This site helps teens understand the decisions they make. A free text messaging app provides encouragement. There is also a toll-free quit line number at 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Website courtesy of the National Cancer Institute.

Resources for parents

Depending on the age and maturity of your children, you may wish to share links in this section with them.

ASSOCIATION OF RECOVERY SCHOOLS – www.recoveryschools.org

This group of recovery high schools helps students succeed in education and recovery.

ASSOCIATION OF RECOVERY IN HIGHER EDUCATION – www.collegiaterecovery.org

This group's aim is to support students in recovery who are attending college.

COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG COALITIONS OF AMERICA (CADCA) – www.cadca.org

CADCA is an organization helping make communities safe, healthy, and drug free.

U.S. DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) – www.dea.gov

DEA enforces controlled substance laws in the United States. They teach teens about dangerous substances with a website at www.justthinktwice.com. They have a website for parents, caregivers, and educators at www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com.

EASY-TO-READ DRUG FACTS – www.easyread.drugabuse.gov

NIDA created this simple site with pictures and videos to help make it easier to learn about drugs, addiction, treatment, and prevention. The website can also read each page out loud.

GET SMART ABOUT DRUGS – www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com

This site has valuable drug education and prevention resources for parents, educators, and caregivers. Information is provided by the DEA.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE, INC. – www.ncadd.org
Find information on alcohol and drug addiction, including how to find help in your area.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM (NIAAA) – www.niaaa.nih.gov
NIAAA offers pamphlets, fact sheets, and brochures about alcohol-related issues on its website. To learn more about preventing alcohol misuse among college students, go to www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE (NIDA) – www.nida.nih.gov
NIDA brings the power of science to research about drug use and addiction. The website features a section for parents and teachers, as well as a section for students and young adults.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE – www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
This crisis hotline is for many issues, not just suicide. Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) toll free if you feel sad, hopeless, or suicidal; if you are concerned about a friend or family member; if you have been bullied; or if you need mental health treatment referrals. Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY (ONDCP) – www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp
ONDCP staff advise the president on U.S. drug control. They also produce a National Drug Control Strategy to address illicit drugs, as well as crimes and health issues related to drugs.

OPERATION PREVENTION – www.operationprevention.com
The DEA and Discovery Education have joined forces to combat the epidemic of prescription opioid misuse and heroin use nationwide. Operation Prevention's mission is to educate students through virtual field trips, interactive activities, and digital lesson plans on the true impacts of opioids and kick-start lifesaving conversations in the home and classroom.

PARTNERSHIP FOR DRUG-FREE KIDS (PDFA) – www.drugfree.org
PDFA is a nonprofit organization that helps parents and caregivers prevent, intervene in, and find treatment for drug and alcohol use by their children. PDFA maintains a Parents Toll-Free Helpline (in English or Spanish) at 1-855-DRUGFREE (1-855-378-4373). It also provides a toolkit for parents who are seeking treatment for their child (www.drugfree.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/treatment_guide-2014.pdf).

SMOKEFREE.GOV – www.smokefree.gov

This website can help you or a loved one quit smoking. It supports your immediate and long-term needs as you quit smoking and learn to stay a non-smoker. Also, you can call the toll-free quitline number at 1-800-QUIT-NOW. Courtesy of the National Cancer Institute.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION – www.samhsa.gov
SAMHSA oversees and administers programs on mental health, drug abuse prevention, and drug treatment. To download or order SAMHSA publications, go to www.store.samhsa.gov.

THE NATIONAL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) – www.pta.org
This national organization works with groups that benefit the health and safety of children. The website lets you find a chapter or learn about organizing a group in your area.

LGBTQ+



Trevor Project

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/resources/>

Information and resources on sexual orientation, mental health, community, gender identity and diversity

LGBT National HelpLine

1-800-246-7743

Text "Pride" to 988; Call and select Option 3 or Select LGBTQ+ in the pre-chat survey at 988lifeline.org

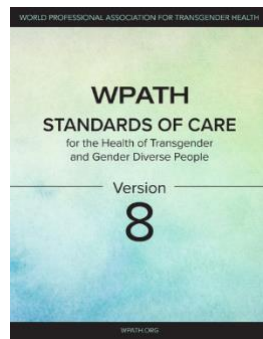


WPATH WORLD PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATION for
TRANSGENDER HEALTH



International organization for standards in trans-specific healthcare

- Global professionals in medicine, mental health services, law, anthropology, science, and more
- Most trusted source of transgender healthcare, studies, and standards of practice since 1979
- Many trans people need letters of recommendation for surgery or hormone therapy from a **WPATH-certified provider**



[Dutchess County Pride Center](#)

766 Main Street Poughkeepsie NY 12603

845.380.6549 (Text)

845.440.3430 (Voice)

dcpridecenter@gmail.com

Dutchess County Pride Center is a safe space for LGBTQ+ individuals and their families, including youth to meet and socialize. Our goal is to improve the health, safety, and well-being of the entire LGBTQ+ community in Dutchess County.

We support, educate, and advocate for all members of the LGBTQ+ community, including LGBTQ+ youth and young adults through outreach, support groups, and social events. Check the website for dates, times and additional events

Tween Meet Up: Social support group for LGBTQ+ youth and allies aged 9 – 12
After-School Tutoring & Homework Drop In – for middle and high school students.
Teen Meetup: Social support group for LGBTQ+ youth and allies aged 13 – 18
Trans Youth Group: Safe space for youth 18 and under who identify as trans, NB, GNC, gender-fluid, or genderqueer to meet.
Teen Drop In: Friday evening hangout for LGBTQ+ teens and allies.
Proud Parent: Support group for parents of LGBTQ+ children of any age
BIPOC Meet Up: Social support group for LGBTQ+ Black, Indigenous and POC.
Crafty Queers: Inclusive arts, crafts, and more!
Out & Proud Around Town: Monthly lively social outings throughout the county.



*110 William Street, 30th Floor,
New York, NY 10038
info@glsen.org
212-727-0135*

Every student has the right to a safe, supportive, and LGBTQ-inclusive K-12 education. We are a national network of educators, students, and local GLSEN Chapters working to make this right a reality.

GLSEN's Youth Membership Program

Are you interested in improving your leadership skills? Join GLSEN's Youth Membership program! For youth ages 14-19.



PFLAG National Office

Main Phone: (202) 467-8180 Fax: (202) 467-8194

PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

- Support for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ

- Education for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ
- Advocacy in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ.



Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center

300 Wall Street Kingston, New York 12401

845-331-5300

<http://www.lgbtqcenter.org>

Ester Rosheger Youth Outreach Coordinator E.Roshenger@lgbtqcenter.org 845-331-5300 x 210

Assists Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Inter-sexed, Queer, and Questioning individuals and their families and friends through support, education and advocacy; please call for group information.

Basic Definitions: Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (SOGIE)

SEXUAL ORIENTATION Describes to whom a person is sexually attracted. Some people are attracted to people of a particular gender; others are attracted to people of more than one gender. Some are not attracted to anyone.

Asexual - not sexually attracted to anyone and/or no desire to act on attraction to anyone. Does not necessarily mean sexless. Asexual people sometimes do experience affectional (romantic) attraction.

Bisexual - attracted to people of one's own gender and people of other gender(s). Two common misconceptions are that bisexual people are attracted to everyone and anyone, or that they just haven't "decided." Often referred to as "bi." See also Pansexual/Fluid and Queer.

Gay - generally refers to a man who is attracted to men. Sometimes refers to all people who are attracted to people of the same sex; sometimes "homosexual" is used for this also, although this term is seen by many today as a medicalized term that should be retired from common use.

Lesbian - a woman who is attracted to women. Sometimes also or alternately "same-gender-loving woman" or "woman loving woman." See also Gay. Pansexual/Fluid - attracted to people regardless of gender. Sometimes also or alternately "omnisexual" or "polysexual." See also Bisexual and Queer.

Questioning - one who may be unsure of, reconsidering, or chooses to hold off identifying their sexual identity or gender expression or identity.

Queer - traditionally a derogatory term, yet reclaimed and appropriated by some LGBTQ individuals as a term of self-identification. It is an umbrella term which embraces a matrix of sexual preferences, gender expressions, and habits that are not of the heterosexual, heteronormative, or gender-binary majority. It is not a universally accepted term by all members of the LGBT community, and it is often considered offensive when used by heterosexuals. Straight - attracted to people of the "opposite" sex (see below); also sometimes generally used to refer to people whose sexualities are societally normative. Alternately referred to as "heterosexual."

GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION The ways in which a person identifies and/or expresses their gender, including self-image, appearance, and embodiment of gender roles. One's sex (e.g. male, female, intersex, etc.) is usually assigned at birth based on one's physical biology. One's gender (e.g. male, female, genderqueer, etc.) is one's internal sense of self and identity. One's gender expression (e.g. masculine, feminine, androgynous, etc.) is how one embodies gender attributes, presentations, roles, and more.

Androgyny - The mixing of masculine and feminine gender expression or the lack of gender identification. The terms androgyne, agender, and neutrois are sometimes used by people who identify as genderless, non-gendered, beyond or between genders, or some combination thereof.

Cisgender - A gender identity that society considers to "match" the biological sex assigned at birth. The prefix cis- means "on this side of" or "not across from." A term used to call attention to the privilege of people who are not transgender.

Crossdresser - Cross-dressing refers to occasionally wearing clothing of the "opposite" gender, and someone who considers this an integral part of their identity may identify as a crossdresser (note: the term crossdresser is preferable to transvestite and neither may ever be used to describe a transsexual person). Cross-dressing is not necessarily tied to erotic activity or sexual orientation.

Genderqueer/Third Gender/Gender Fluid - These terms are used by people who identify as being between and/or other than male or female. They may feel they are neither, a little bit of both, or they may simply feel restricted by gender labels.

Intersex - A general term used for a variety of genetic, hormonal, or anatomical conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn't seem to fit the typical definitions of female or male. Some intersex individuals identify as transgender or gender variant; others do not. (Note: hermaphrodite is an obsolete term that is not currently considered appropriate.)

Transgender - First coined to distinguish gender benders with no desire for surgery or hormones from transsexuals, those who desired to legally and medically change their sex, more recently transgender and/or trans has become an umbrella term popularly used to refer to all people who transgress dominant conceptions of gender, or at least all who identify themselves as doing so. The definition continues to evolve.

Transsexual - The term transsexual has historically been used to refer to individuals who have medically and legally changed their sex, or who wish to do so. Most transsexual people feel a conflict between their gender identity and the sex they were assigned at birth. Other labels used within this group are MtF (male-to-female) or trans woman, and FtM (female-to-male) or trans man.

Two-Spirit – A person who identified with the Native American tradition of characterizing certain members of the community as having the spirit of both the male and female genders.

OTHER COMMONLY USED TERMS

Biphobia - Aversion of and/or prejudice toward the idea that people can be attracted to more than one gender, and/or bisexuals as a group or as individuals, often based on negative stereotypes of bisexuality and the invisibility of bisexual people.

Coming Out – The process of acknowledging one’s sexual orientation and/or gender identity or expression to oneself or other people.

Gender Binary - A system of classifying sex and gender into two distinct and disconnected forms of masculine and feminine. It can be referred to as a social construct or a social boundary that discourages people from crossing or mixing gender roles, or from creating other third (or more) forms of gender expression. It can also represent some of the prejudices which stigmatize people who identify as intersex and transgender.

Heterosexism - The presumption that everyone is straight and/or the belief that heterosexuality is a superior expression of sexuality. Often includes the use of power of the majority (heterosexuals) to reinforce this belief and forgetting the privileges of being straight in our society.

Homophobia - Negative attitudes and feelings toward people with non-heterosexual sexualities; dislike of, or discomfort with, expressions of sexuality that do not conform to heterosexual norms.

Internalized Oppression - In reference to LGBTQ people, internalized oppression is the belief that straight and non-transgender people are “normal” or better than LGBTQ people, as well as the often-unconscious belief that negative stereotypes about LGBTQ people are true.

LGBTQ - An acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer. This is currently one of the most popular ways in U.S. society to refer to all people who are marginalized due to sexual orientation and/or gender identity, although other letters are often included as well to represent identities described above.

Transphobia - Negative attitudes and feelings toward transgender individuals or discomfort with people whose gender identity and/or gender expression do not conform to traditional or stereotypic gender roles.

OLDER YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT



Astor Vocational Case Management

205 South Avenue – Suite 100 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Stephanie Hilero 845-901-7716

A program designed to assist Dutchess County youth with significant emotional challenges between the ages of 18-26 in transitioning into the workforce. The youth must reside in Dutchess County and meet at least one of the following criteria: youth in foster care; currently or previously in mental health treatment; classified emotionally disturbed by the Committee on Special Education and transitioning from school to work; transitioning out of the Dutchess County Jail.



[The Mediation Center](#)

*205 South Avenue #200
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(845) 471-7213*

Offers alternative dispute resolution services for youth and for parents and children (Parent/Child Mediation) as well as special education/ early intervention mediation



[Taconic Resources for Independence, Inc.](#)

*82 Washington St, Suite 214, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845-452-3913*

Information about community resources of interest to persons with disabilities; provides referral and advocacy services.

Peer Counseling Peer Counseling is provided between two or more individuals with disabilities, to share ideas and experiences about living with a disability, in order to gain greater awareness and control over one's own life.

Independent Living Skills Training Independent Living Skills Training teaches everyday life skills and is often provided by people with disabilities. Training may include budgeting, meal preparation, arranging transportation, or personal assistance services, job seeking, and self-advocacy.

Information and Referral Services Information and Referral Services aim to provide individuals with resources and options that may be necessary in making informed choices about living, learning, and working independently.

Individual and Systems Advocacy Individual and Systems Advocacy addresses access to equal opportunities in exercising social, economic, educational, and legal rights. Independent Living Centers work with individuals, community organizations, state/national networks; to promote full inclusion of people with disabilities, and to improve the implementation of existing laws: federal, State, and local.



[ACCES-VR \(Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation\)](#)

www.access.nysed.gov/vr

www.access.nysed.gov/vr/apply_for_services/apply.html

845-452-5425

Adult Career and Continuing Education Services - Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) offers access to a full range of employment and independent living services that may be needed by persons with disabilities through their lives. Through its administration of vocational rehabilitation and independent living programs, VR coordinates policy and services relating to:

- Transition youth services for high school students and youth up to age 25 with disabilities from school and post school to adult services.
- Vocational rehabilitation services for working age individuals with disabilities.
- Independent living services for people with disabilities of all ages.
- Business services for hiring a qualified diverse workforce.

Student and Youth Transition Services Transition from school to work requires a variety of supports and collaborative efforts among education and workforce programs. No one institution or organization can provide the full range of services that may be required to serve youth with disabilities. However, collaboration and coordinated efforts among education and workforce programs, including vocational rehabilitation, is essential in assisting students with disabilities to make the transition from school to work. By working closely with school districts, the P-12 Office of Special Education and community providers, ACCES-VR helps to ensure that all youth with disabilities are prepared for employment, post-secondary education and community living when they leave school. ACCES-VR can provide a range of services to help eligible individuals reach an employment goal.

[Application or Referral for VR Services](#) Unlike special education, the vocational rehabilitation program is not an entitlement program. You must be determined to be eligible to receive vocational rehabilitation services. Individuals who are under age 25 at application are considered a youth applicant.

[VR Services](#) Any VR service may be available to an eligible youth participant. There are also some services that are specifically geared to youth, based on well researched evidence as best practice. Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) are a specific category of services defined in the Workplace Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), signed into federal law July 22, 2014. Pre-ETS are specifically designed for students with disabilities between the ages 14-21. With WIOA emphasis on early outreach to students with disabilities, it is expected that students who are age 14 and/or more than two years prior to anticipated exit from high school will receive Pre-ETS services without formal application to ACCES-VR. Application for services in these circumstances would only occur if there was a demonstrated need for a specific vocational rehabilitation service that has a clear employment focus and is not available through Pre-ETS or IDEA.

- **NYSED Special Education** Learn more about NYSED Special Education and Transition: [Transition Planning Services](#)

Independent Living Centers Independent Living Centers (ILCs) provide an array of services that assist New Yorkers with all disabilities to live fully integrated and self-directed lives. ILCs assist with all aspects of living, learning and earning. They identify and facilitate removal of architectural, communication and attitudinal barriers to full participation in local communities and beyond. ACCES-VR administers base funding for 41 Independent Living Centers (ILCS) throughout the state. ILCs are private, not-for-profit organizations, governed by a majority of people with disabilities and staffed primarily by people with disabilities. ILCs are service and advocacy centers that **do not** run residential programs or operate places where people live. The philosophy of independent living is to maximize opportunities for choices and growth through peer driven supports and self-help. ILCs are the voice of people with disabilities and the disability rights movement in local communities across New York State.



[Marist College – Upward Bound Program](#)

845-575-3258

Provides high school students who have the ability to do well academically, but require additional academic and counseling assistance, to help prepare them for college life.

DUTCHESS CES

[DC BOCES Programs](#)

Phone: 845-486-4800

Fax: 845-486-4981

Provides vocational and educational services to youth from school age to 21 as well as to adult learners; BOCES HSE Classes are offered free, day and evening, in Beacon, Poughkeepsie, Dover Plains and Red Hook. Classes prepare adults for the HSE exam.



[Dutchess Community College HSE Program](#)

53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

845-790-3590

For individuals who have dropped out of school, reached 16 by July of the given year, and is seeking college admission.

<https://www.sunydutchess.edu/continuingeducation/hse.html>

<https://www.sunydutchess.edu/continuingeducation/esl.html>



[Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development](#)

845-677-8223

Dutchess County 4-H is a collection of programs that provide youth, ages 5-19, with the mentoring and support to grow and thrive regardless of their background, interests and abilities.



[PROS: Personal Recovery Oriented Services](#)

451 Fishkill Avenue, Beacon, NY 12508

845-831-2124

PROS stands for Personalized Recovery Oriented Services. It is a comprehensive program for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. The goals are to improve functioning, reduce inpatient utilization and emergency services, reduce contact with the criminal justice system, increase employment, attain higher levels of education and secure housing.

A proud partner of the  network

[Dutchess County One Stop](#)

191 Main Street

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Phone: (845) 249-4634

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

Contact: Antoinette Barcelona antoninette@dcworks.org

Our mission is to contribute to Dutchess County's economic growth by supporting the needs of employers and job seekers through resources and services offered in a true One Stop environment that proudly works cooperatively with community agencies. The Career Center is part of the nationwide system of one-stop centers, also known as an American Job Center. We provide a full range of assistance to job seekers under one roof. Established under the Workforce Investment Act, and reauthorized in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act of 2014, the centers offer career counseling, job listings, workshops, linkages to training option, and similar employment-related services. Customers can visit a center in person or connect to the center's information online.



[Job Corps](#)

800-733-5627

<https://www.jobcorps.gov/>

Job Corps' mission is to educate and train highly motivated young people for successful careers in the nation's fastest-growing industries.

Generally, Job Corps students:

- are 16 through 24 years old

- are low-income individuals
- meet citizenship, residency, DACA or other approved status requirements
- meet background requirements
- are ready and motivated to succeed

Housing Furnished dorms for you and your roommate(s).

Basic Medical Care Medical, dental, eye care and mental health services.

Nutritious Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided every day.

Books & Supplies Everything you'll need for your academic and career training.

Living Allowance Receive a living allowance in cash twice a month.

Training Clothing Basic uniforms and specialized safety equipment will be provided for your training.

Supportive Community Lasting connections with instructors and other students at the center.



<https://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/specialized-supportive-services/#youth-services>

- **Young Adult Housing**

River Haven TLC (Transitional Living Community) provides youth a safe living environment through which to pursue their goals and learn life skills necessary to live independently.

Housing is available for young adults transitioning from homelessness. Residents must apply to the program and undergo a screening process. Other apartments for young adults are available with private landlords, and include care management services offered by Hudson River Housing.

For more information or assistance, please call (845) 452-0019.

Pete's Place: Youth and Young Adult Drop-In Center

We're proud to introduce Pete's Place, a new youth and young adult drop-in center located at 310 Mill Street in the City of Poughkeepsie!

Pete's Place offers a warm and friendly environment for youth and young adults to access housing and food resources, counseling, hygiene supplies and toiletries, internet access, help with job searching and resumes, special activities, and recreational programming. Please share this news with the youth in your life that may benefit from having a safe space to access these resources.

Pete's Place is open Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm, and all youth 25 and under are welcome.

Pete's Place is named in honor of Peter Menconeri, an unforgettable youth advocate and community leader who dedicated his entire life to helping young people.

TEEN PREGNANCY



BabySTEPS, Partnership to End Addiction’s new confidential helpline dedicated to supporting individuals and families navigating substance use during pregnancy and postpartum in New York State. This free, confidential resource allows individuals to connect directly with trained specialists via text for judgment-free guidance, support, and resources. This service is currently available in English and will soon be available in Spanish as well.

- 📱 To connect to a helpline specialist, text BABY to 55753
- 📄 Learn more: drugfree.org/baby

To help ensure this vital resource reaches those who need it most, we invite you to spread the word with your clients and communities.

Pregnancy Information and To Do Lists

<https://www.parents.com/pregnancy/week-by-week/your-pregnancy-to-do-list/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/pregnancy/during/index.html>

Pregnancy Apps:

Baby Center Cost: Free This all-in-one pregnancy app goes from tracking your ovulation to counting contractions and gives you the deets on everything in between. Get weekly updates about your stage of pregnancy with articles, slideshows and videos on topics relevant to what you’re going through right now (and your baby’s development), including special information for high-risk pregnancies. You can also take pictures of your growing bump to create a pregnancy journal and search the baby names database by meaning or theme to find a name you like. After you give birth, the app will seamlessly switch over to giving you parenting advice for baby’s first year.

What to Expect Cost: Free This free app is based on the website based on the [the book!](#) The bestselling pregnancy reference guide fits entirely into your pocket, complete with videos, week-

by-week baby development tracking and, of course, all the information about pregnancy you could ever imagine. In a survey, Babylist registrants reported that this was their second-most used pregnancy app (behind Babylist, of course). Their registry builder section makes sure you get ALL the free stuff too! The bad news: the app isn't as useful once you've had your baby.

Pregnancy+ Cost: Free Curious what your baby looks like as they develop? The Pregnancy+ app has 3D, interactive week-by-week experience that highlights your baby's major developmental milestones in any given week (it also looks hyper-realistic). It also has helpful articles, and features to help you stay organized throughout your pregnancy such as a To-Do list, hospital bag checklist, birth plan and a place to keep track of all your doctor's appointments. And when the time comes, there's also a kick counter and contraction timer.



Astor Services Enhanced Coordinated Children's Service Initiative

Katie Castell 845-430-9861 kcastell@astorservices.org

Pregnant teens are offered a family driven process that strengthens support services, collaborates between service providers, community service linkages to increase protective factors



The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse: The Young Parenting Program

35 Van Wagner Road, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

845-454-0595

info@thecpca.org

<https://www.thecpca.org/programs-services/young-parenting-program/>

The Young Parenting Program is a confidential case management program designed to build parenting skills for any pregnant or parenting youth 13-21 in Dutchess County. We provide case management for our clients tailored to their individual needs while focusing on self-sufficiency through goal setting for their education, employment, and parenting. Our program provides pregnancy prevention in local high schools through peer discussion groups and fosters a nurturing environment for any teen that is pregnant and looking for support.

About the Supportive Parenting Program

The Supportive Parenting Program provides intensive case management services for parents with developmental disabilities and/or a mental health diagnosis. This includes weekly home visit support, supervised visitation and parenting classes. In addition to learning parenting skills, parents gain socialization and support from peers and receive assistance in meeting the needs of their children. Case managers also work closely with other service providers involved with our families to better serve our clientele's needs.

The Supportive Parenting Program Offers:

- Weekly home-based parent/child support
- Daily living skills development needed to prevent incidence of child abuse and neglect
- Weekly parenting education classes
- Appropriate community resources
- Coordinating services
- Stimulation for child's development through appropriate play
- Intensive case management services



[CARE-NET](#)

226 Church St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Phone: 845-471-9284

Fax: (845) 471-9310

Email: CareNetPC@gmail.com

Regular Hours:

Monday	9 am - 4 pm
Tuesday	9 am - 4 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 4 pm; 4 pm - 5:30 pm by appointment only
Thursday	10 am - 4 pm
Closed Friday	

Our free and confidential services include:

- Pregnancy Tests
- Referrals for Limited Obstetrical Ultrasounds to confirm pregnancy

- Options Counseling
- Accurate Information
- Community Referrals
- Material Resource Program
- Baby Basics Parenting Class
- Abortion Recovery Support Groups
- Individual Abortion Recovery Counseling
- Sexual Integrity Workshops
- Adoption Referrals
- Man to Man Support
- Please call to schedule an appointment. (845) 471-9284


CDC's Developmental Milestones

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/milestones/index.html>




[Español \(Spanish\)](#)

CDC's milestones and parent tips have been updated and new checklist ages have been added (15 and 30 months). For more information about the updates to CDC's developmental milestones, please review the [Pediatrics journal article](#) and these [important key points](#).

Download CDC's free Milestone Tracker App



Help your child grow and thrive with CDC's free *Milestone Tracker* app.



[cdc.gov/MilestoneTracker](https://www.cdc.gov/MilestoneTracker)

EMERGENCY HOUSING & HOUSING ASSISTANCE



[Hudson River Housing, Inc.](https://www.hudsonriverhousing.org)

313 Mill St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

845-454-5176

<https://www.hudsonriverhousing.org/emergency-and-affordable-housing>

Emergency Housing for Adults

Webster House Overnight Emergency Housing (the Pods)

Are you experiencing homelessness and in need of housing tonight?

We offer overnight emergency housing 365 nights a year. **To access housing at this time, please come to 150 North Hamilton Street in Poughkeepsie by 6:30pm.**

Webster House offers overnight emergency housing for residents of Dutchess County ages 18+ after a brief screening. Meals, showers, and laundry facilities are available. All guests are expected to abide by a general set of rules of good behavior. Guests are expected to meet with a care manager to address the reasons for their homelessness and develop a plan focused on independent living and permanent housing.

For more information, please call (845) 452-0019

Emergency Housing for Families

Gannett House at Hudson River Lodging

Gannett House offers emergency housing for families. To access Gannett House, you must first visit the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services to request housing assistance. The Gannett House program provides meals and limited transportation, along with support services to families dealing with homelessness. All families placed in the program work with a care manager to access community resources and transition to more stable housing. We cannot accept walk-ins at Gannett House.

For more information, please call (845) 452-0019

Emergency Housing for Youth

River Haven Youth Shelter

Emergency housing and support services for youth who are running away or experiencing homelessness and young people who can otherwise benefit from short-term or respite housing due to family conflict or emergency, risk of court placement, or other issues. The River Haven Shelter is certified by New York State to house youth under 18.

Staff are available 24/7 to handle requests for housing, and provide related services including: referrals, information, counseling and crisis intervention for youth and their families.

For more information or assistance, please call (845) 454-3600

After-Hours Emergency Placement

Families who find themselves homeless outside of the hours when Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services staff are available should contact the After-Hours Emergency Placement (AHEP) program.

Through AHEP, Hudson River Housing staff will assist families in finding emergency housing until DC DCFS is open, at which point they must meet with DC DCFS staff to assess their situation.

For assistance through AHEP, call (845) 471-8454.

Project Porchlight

Drop-In Center

Project Porchlight is located in the rear of 310 Mill Street in Poughkeepsie and is open Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm. During these hours, anyone is welcome to stop in to receive respite from the weather, food and basic supplies, access showers, meet with a care manager, and receive referrals for other services.

(845) 337-4407 or (845) 625-3327

Street Outreach

Our Street Outreach team is available to help those struggling with homelessness by providing referrals, resources, support, and access to shelter.

If you are aware of someone in need and would like to get in touch with our Street Outreach team, contact **(845) 625-9581**.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Transitional Housing for Adults

Hillcrest House

Hillcrest House offers a supportive environment for adults transitioning out of homelessness. Residents pay an affordable monthly rent and participate in our on-site meal plan. Each resident is assigned a Case Manager to assist them in connecting to community resources and moving toward permanent housing.

Interested applicants must complete the Universal Housing Application and participate in a screening process and an interview in order to be accepted at Hillcrest House.

For more information, please call (845) 454-5176

Transitional Housing for Families

LaGrange House

The LaGrange House Program provides care management services for families transitioning out of homelessness. Residents pay an affordable monthly rent and work with care managers toward self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

LaGrange House applicants must complete the Universal Housing Application and participate in a screening process and an interview in order to be accepted.

For more information please call (845) 454-5176

SPECIALIZED HOUSING

Housing for Veterans

Liberty Station offers a supportive living environment in the company of other veterans. Units are single room occupancy, with shared kitchen and bath facilities.

Garden Street Housing offers low-cost housing with a preference for female veterans, with private baths and shared kitchen and common areas.

Poughkeepsie Commons is a 72-unit apartment complex that offers 24 one-bedroom apartments exclusively for veterans.

Find out more by calling [\(845\) 454-5176](tel:(845)454-5176).

Housing for Young Adults

River Haven TLC (Transitional Living Community) provides youth a safe living environment through which to pursue their goals and learn life skills necessary to live independently.

Housing is available for young adults transitioning from homelessness.

Residents must apply to the program and undergo a screening process.

For more information or assistance, please call [\(845\) 452-0019](tel:(845)452-0019)

Senior Housing

Cannon Street Senior Housing is affordable housing for active adults age 55 or older.

Cannon Street Senior Housing is conveniently located in downtown Poughkeepsie in close proximity to healthcare, pharmacy, grocery, municipal, and public transportation services.

Maybrook Gardens in Orange County provides 36 units of project-based section 8 housing for seniors 62 and older or individuals 18 and older with disabilities.

For more information, contact us at [\(845\) 454-5176](tel:(845)454-5176).

Supported Permanent Housing

Through our supported housing programs, Hudson River Housing offers individuals diagnosed with severe mental illness, chronic chemical dependency, and/or other disabling conditions the opportunity to successfully transition out of homelessness or residential care to stable, affordable, permanent housing of their own.

Supported housing participants are required to actively work on an individualized service plan toward meeting goals that lead to increased self-sufficiency and the ability to maintain stable, permanent housing

.To learn more about supported housing, contact us at [\(845\) 454-5176](tel:(845)454-5176)

Affordable Rental Housing

Looking for affordable rental housing? We offer a wide variety of affordable rental housing, ranging from rooming houses to full homes for rent. Our housing also includes specialized housing for veterans, young adults, those transitioning from homelessness, seniors, and those living with mental illness or addiction.

[APPLY FOR HOUSING](#)



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AND FAMILIES TOGETHER

THE SANCTUARY

If you're 12-17, you can come to the Sanctuary. We don't need to know much about you, just a few things for our records, but that information is kept confidential. If you stay with us, we are required to contact a parent/legal guardian to let them know you are at a shelter and that you are safe. But the location of the shelter is kept confidential until you are ready for us to help you talk to your parents or guardian.

You can come on your own, we can meet you, or we can pick you up. The choice is yours. You can call us at any time. 1-888-997-1583 or 1-877-540-7680 childrensvillage.org/sanctuary



<https://habitatdutchess.org/>



New Homebuying Program <https://habitatdutchess.org/habitat-homeownership/>

Home Repair Programs Veterans, Seniors, Mobile Homes and Northeast Corridor
<https://habitatdutchess.org/homerepair/>

Advancing Black Homeownership <https://habitatdutchess.org/advancing-black-homeownership/>

VETERANS



Veteran Specialist Care Manager

All our staff are well-equipped to help address your needs. However, we know that being a veteran can bring complex challenges. Our Veteran Specialist Care Manager is available by referral basis to help you navigate housing, healthcare and benefits.

Contact us at [\(845\) 452-0019](tel:845-452-0019) for more information.

VetZero Heroes Making Heroes

VetZero Heroes Making Heroes is a social enterprise food business operated by Hudson River Housing. Heroes Making Heroes provides employment, training and mentorship to local veterans who have experienced homelessness, along with other formerly homeless individuals facing barriers to employment.

Heroes Making Heroes offers a menu of affordable hero-style sandwiches sold locally at farmers markets and local events and through catering services.

Where to Find Us:

Mondays – [Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market](#) 3:00-6:30pm

Thursdays – [Arlington Farmers Market](#) 2:00-6:00pm (starting June)

VetZero Heroes Driving Heroes Ride Program

Many of our veteran residents and community members cite transportation to and from important meetings, such doctors appointments or work interviews, as one of the greatest barriers to their leading a healthy and successful life. To help solve this problem, we created the VetZero Heroes Driving Heroes Ride Program which provides free car rides for local veterans to useful destinations such as the Veteran Affairs County Office and Castle Point Medical Center.

For more information or to request a ride, call 833-VET-ZERO.



Vet2Vet is funded by the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans' Peer Services Project. Services include support groups, social activities, we can also help Vets get their benefit claims back on track, and advise them on how to access their education benefits as well, and much more:

- Advocacy
- Educational information
- Emotional support

- Recovery Groups
- Referrals to useful services
- Short-term care management
- Social Events (free for Veterans and their families)
- Support Groups

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES The goal is to give you the opportunity to get out and enjoy the world. Join us for some healing through simple fun, all in the company of other veterans and their families who are facing similar challenges. Check the calendar below for more information.

SUPPORT GROUPS Our Vet2Vet support groups are a safe place where you can listen, share, and spend time with people who know what you're going through. Together, we aim to help everyone feel heard and share ways to build a thriving life! Support Groups take place bi-monthly, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, 3pm, at our Veteran's One-Stop office in Pleasant Valley

The **HERO Program** is a way for Dutchess County veterans and their families that are either homeless or facing homelessness to have an advocate and a resource in the county they live in. There are funds available for emergency housing, which can be used if necessary to keep our veteran families safe and sleeping with a roof over their heads. To date, HERO has taken many homeless veterans away from street homelessness to stable housing status and has kept others from becoming homeless. This initiative is funded by Dutchess County.

The **Veterans Employment Training & Transitions Assistance Program (VET-TAP)** assists Dutchess County Veterans in all aspects of employment, including resume building, job hunting, job applications, interview preparation, etc. The program also offers local Veterans the opportunity to obtain licenses and certifications in various fields, to broaden their employment marketability. The goal of VET-TAP is to curb veteran homelessness through meaningful employment. VET-TAP is a Dutchess County funded program that works hand-in-hand with the H.E.R.O. Program for housing assistance.

SSG Fox SPGP is a Federally Funded suicide prevention program operating through our Veterans Programs in Dutchess and Orange Counties. Program Specialists work directly with Veterans on their struggles and create a plan to make positive changes in their lives. The program offers unique and healing therapies including Equine, Art and Music Therapy, aimed at getting Veterans active and engaged in peaceful and relaxing activities. Additionally, the program can assist Veterans with Temporary Income Support Assistance, as well as assistance with VA benefits and referrals.

Weekend 4 Warriors is an annual event that takes a group of four combat Veterans on a weekend getaway full of fun activities, followed by an awards reception honoring the four individuals and their service. The Weekend 4 Warriors Committee accepts nominations for Veteran attendees.

HEALTH SERVICES

Anderson Center for Autism	Cardinal Hayes Home
Cornerstone of Rhinebeck	Four Winds Hospital
Greystone Programs, Inc.	Mid Hudson Regional Hospital
New Horizons Resources, Inc.	NY Presbyterian Hospital
Putnam Hospital Center	Richard C. Ward Treatment Center
Rockland Psychiatric Center	Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center
St. Vincent's Hospital	Taconic Developmental Disabilities Services
Westchester Medical Center	

Dutchess County Division of Public Transit

14 Commerce Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Phone: (845) 473-8424 Fax: (845) 473-8643

Division of Public Transit Bus provides transit service to Dutchess County through two modes of service: fixed route service and demand response services like Dial-A-Ride and Paratransit. Public Transit runs a RailLink bus service in cooperation with the Metro-North railroad. Dutchess County Division of Public Transit also coordinates non-emergency Medicaid transportation for the Dutchess County Department of Social Services. Contact: Commisioner Robert Balkind, P.E. or Michael Grattini, Public Transit Administrator mgrattini@dutchessny.gov




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COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

The Dutchess County Community Action Agency Inc. partners with families and individuals to eliminate poverty and identify resources for families to enhance their self-reliance. Some programs include: Employment Assistance, Dress for Success of Dutchess County, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

Central Dutchess / Administrative Offices 77 Cannon Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
Phone: 845-452-5104
Fax: 845-625-1510.

Eastern Dutchess PO Box 397, 3414 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY 12522 Phone: 845-877-9272 Fax: 800-872-3165.

Northern Dutchess 44-46 Market Street Red Hook, NY 12571 Phone: 845-876-1611 Fax: 800-872-3165.

Southern Dutchess 10 Eliza St. Beacon, NY 12508 Phone: 845-831-2620 Fax: 800-872-3165

DUTCHESS COUNTY FOOD ACCESS

As these listings change frequently, please verify that this information is up to date before heading to the location.

Please check <http://dutchessoutreach.org/get-food/> and click on the green box that says "Get Food".

Amenia

Food of Life (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 40 Leedsville Rd, Amenia, NY 12501. Phone: 845-373-9161
Hours of Operation: Friday 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

Immaculate Conception Church (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 11 Lavelle Rd., Amenia, NY
Phone: 845-373-8193
Hours of Operation: Third Saturday of every month from 10:00 - 10:30 am.

Beacon

Dutchess County Community Action of Beacon (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 31 Eliza St. Beacon, NY 12508 Phone: 845-452-5104 Ext. 168

Hours of Operation: Call to make an appointment Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm. (closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) Eligibility Restrictions: Must bring proof of address and I.D. for self and for dependents.

St. Andrew's and St. Luke's Food Pantry

Street Address:15 South Avenue Beacon, NY 12508 Phone: 845-831-1369

Hours of Operation: Saturday from 10-11am.

Beacon Community Kitchen (Meal Program)

Tabernacle Church, 483 Main St, Beacon, NY 12508 Phone: 845-728-8196

Hours of Operation: Mon-Thurs 11:00 am- 12:00 pm Please note: All persons must enter from the parking lot entrance.

Dover Plains

Center of Compassion (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 52 Mill St., Dover Plains, NY 12522

Phone: 845-877-9076

Hours of Operation: Call to make an appointment.

Eligibility Restrictions: Must live in the Town of Dover Plains.

Dutchess County Community Action of Dover Plains (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 3414 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY 12522

Phone: 845-452-5104

Hours of Operation: Call to make an appointment. Monday - Friday 8: 30 - 4:00 pm (closed 12:00 pm- 1:00pm)

Eligibility Restrictions: transportation from nearby towns may be available.

Fishkill

First Reformed Church of Fishkill (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 1153 Main St., Fishkill, NY

Phone: 845-896-4546

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am-12pm. Monday and Wednesday from 2:30pm-6pm. Eligibility Restrictions: Must bring proof of residence in Southern Dutchess County and ID for all household members.

Hopewell Junction

Safe Haven (PET) Food Pantry

Street Address: 1545 route 52, Fishkill, NY 12524

Phone: 845-392-5300

Hours of Operation: Saturday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Eligibility Restrictions: Must bring ID showing residency in Dutchess County and proof of income under \$40,000/year.

No Strings Attached / The Vineyard Food Pantry (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 609 Rt. 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Phone: 845-227-7832

Hours of Operation: Call to make an appointment.

St. Columba (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 835 route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Phone: 845-227-7863

Hours of Operation: Call to make an appointment. Except Mondays from 9:00 am-1:00 pm or the second Wednesday of the month from 9:00 am– 1:00 pm

Hyde Park

Reach Out (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 241 Crum Elbow Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538

Phone: 845-229-6080

Hours of Operation: Friday 2:00 – 4:30 pm.

Eligibility Restrictions: Must bring proof of address, ID for yourself and all dependents; can only come once every 30 days.

Hyde Park Food Pantry

Street Address: 28 Harvey St., Hyde Park, NY 12538

Phone: 845-889-8138

Hours of Operation: Friday 9:00 – 11:30 am.

Eligibility: Must be a resident of the Hyde Park School District; must bring ID with proof of address.

Hyde Park Baptist Church Food Pantry

Street Address: 10 Romans Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538 Phone: 845-229-9150

Hours of Operation: Wednesday from 10:00am-2:00pm.

LaGrange

Trinity United Methodist Church (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 6 S. Cross Rd., LaGrangeville, NY 12540

Phone: 845-223-3152 (Leave a message)

Hours of Operation: Call ahead: Last Thursday of each month 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Eligibility Restrictions: Must bring photo ID for your first visit and proof of address for all members of the household.

Love Reaches Out (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 1138 Rt. 55, LaGrangeville, NY 12540 Phone: 845-452-4673

Hours of Operation: Wednesdays 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Pawling

Community Res. & Service Center (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 126 East Main St., Pawling, NY 12564

Phone: 845-855-3459

Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 10am – 4pm (Wednesday 10am – 5pm) and the second Saturday of the month 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Eligibility Restrictions: Must live, work, or attend church in the Pawling area. Bring bags if possible. Eligibility Restrictions: Must bring proof of address, ID for yourself and all dependents. Can only come once every 30 days. Must be a Dutchess County resident.

Pine Plains

Community Food Locker (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 3023 Church St. Pine Plains, NY 12567

Phone: 518-398-7692

Hours of Operation: Second Saturday of each month.

Eligibility Restrictions: Must bring proof of residence; must reside in Pine Plains school district.

Pleasant Valley

Pleasant Valley Ecumenical (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 92 Martin Rd., Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

Phone: 845-635-3022/845-214-2078

Hours of Operation: Wednesday 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

Eligibility Restrictions: Must live in PV or Arlington School District; can come once per month.

Poughkeepsie

Dutchess Outreach- Beverly Closs Food Pantry

Street Address: 29 North Hamilton St. Suite 220, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Phone: 845-454-3792

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:30am - 11:00am

Eligibility Restrictions: Must bring proof of address, ID for yourself and all dependents. Can only come once every 30 days.

Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 775 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Phone: 845-452-1863

Hours of Operation: Wednesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Eligibility Requirements: Must bring proof of address, ID for yourself and all dependents; can only come once every 30 days.

Beulah Baptist Church (Food Pantry and Meal Program)

Street Address: 92 Catherine St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Phone: 845-473-1662

Hours of Operation: Food pantry is open Monday 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm; soup kitchen is open Saturday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Eligibility Restrictions: One ID per family required.

St. Paul's (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 161 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Phone: 845-452-8440

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Eligibility Restrictions: Families are eligible once per month. Bring bags if possible.

Salvation Army Breakfast Program (Meal Program)

Street Address: 19 Pershing Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Phone: 845-471-1210

Hours of Operation: Breakfast-Monday through Friday 8:30 - 9:30 am.

Food pantry by appointment only-call first to set up appointment

Salvation Army - Poughkeepsie (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 19 Pershing Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 Phone: 845-471-1210

Hours of Operation: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 am

Eligibility Restrictions: Must bring photo ID, proof of income, proof of address; can come once every 60 days.

Mother's Cupboard (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 92 Catherine St., Poughkeepsie, NY

Phone: 845-473-1662

Hours of Operation: Tuesday 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Dutchess County Community Action of Poughkeepsie (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 77 Cannon Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Phone: 845-452-5104 Ext. 183

Hours of Operation: Call to make an appointment Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm. (closed 12:00 pm-1:00 pm)

Eligibility Restrictions: Must bring proof of address and I.D. for self and for dependents.

River Haven LLS (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 391 Manchester Rd. Poughkeepsie, NY

Phone: 845-454-2300

Hours of Operation: Call ahead to make an appointment, Monday - Friday 1:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Eligibility Restrictions: The Food Pantry only has non-perishables.

Trinity Temple Church (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 19 N Bridge Street, Poughkeepsie, NY

Hours: Wednesday 10am – 4 pm.

New Hope Center (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 120 Hudson Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (In the gym)

Hours of Operation: Tuesday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Vine and Branches (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 91 Hooker Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Phone: 845-471-1195

Hours of Operation: First and last Thursday of each month, 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

Eligibility Restrictions: Must bring ID for yourself and family members on first visit.

To God Be the Glory (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 4 Howard St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Hours of Operation: Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Faith Assembly

Street address: 25 Golf Club Lane Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Phone: 845 462-5922

Hours of Operation: Every Thursday 10am-12pm

St. Mary's (Food and Baby supplies Pantry)

Street Address: 231 Church Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

Phone: (845) 452-8250

Hours of Operation: 2nd and 4th Friday of the Month from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's School Parking Lot

Red Hook

Red Hook Community Action (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 44 E. Market St., Red Hook, NY 12571

Phone: 845-452-5104 Ext. 203

Hours of Operation: Call to make an appointment on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. (Closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.)

Eligibility Restrictions: Must be a Dutchess County resident; bring proof of address.

St. Vincent dePorres/St. Christopher's (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 30 Benner Rd., Red Hook, NY 12571

Phone: 845-758-3732

Hours of Operation: 2nd Saturday of every month 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Hours change please contact Dave & Lynda Jutton at svdp@stchrisredhook.org

Eligibility Restrictions: Must be a Red Hook resident; bring proof of address.

Red Hook United Methodist Church (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 4 Church St. Suite 2, Red Hook, NY 12571

Phone: 845-758-6283

Hours of Operation: Sunday 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

Eligibility Restrictions: Must be a Red Hook resident; bring proof of address.

Rhinebeck

Jayne Brooks Memorial (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 6436 Montgomery Street, Rhinebeck, NY

Phone: 845-876-3533

Hours of Operation: Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Eligibility Restrictions: Must live in Rhinebeck or surrounding area; bring proof of address.

Rhinebeck Reformed Church (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 6368 Mill Street, Rhinebeck, New York 12572

Phone: 845-876-3727

Hours of Operation: Tuesday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Staatsburg

Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 2 Fiddlers Bridge, Staatsburg, NY 12580

Phone: 845-889-4019

Hours of Operation: Every other Wednesday 2pm – 4pm

Eligibility Restrictions: Must be resident of the town of Clinton; bring proof of address; can come once per month.

Wappingers Falls

St. Mary's Church (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 2 Content Avenue, Wappingers Falls, 12590

Phone: 845-297-6261

Hours of Operation: Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Eligibility Restrictions: The pantry is located in the former convent which is the building in front of St. Mary's school. The entrance is on the playground side of the building. Recipients are required to show ID with their current address.

Zion Episcopal Church (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 12 Satterlee Place, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Phone: 845-297-9797

Hours of Operation: Wednesday 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm, 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

Eligibility Restrictions: Must be a resident of Wappingers Falls. Must bring ID, proof of address, and proof of income.

Pathstone Corporation (Food Pantry)

Street Address: 29 Marshall Rd. Suite 3F, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Phone: 845-298-8998/845-849-0888

Hours: Wednesday 3:00 -6:00 pm.

USEFUL TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

ELIGIBILITY – Most services have eligibility requirements. Eligibility may depend on factors such as insurance, diagnosis and/or IQ.

DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF “CHILD” – Differing State regulations lead to different definitions for what constitutes a minor child and for how long parents are responsible. At age 16, a youth may legally drop out of school. However, parents are financially responsible for their children until they reach age 21, meaning that a youth cannot receive public assistance to live independently unless parents contribute child support. In criminal justice, a child becomes an adult at age 17.

HIPAA – stands for the Healthy Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. It protects your confidentiality as applied to PHI (private health information), means the information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorized persons or processes.

MANDATED REPORTER – New York State and the New York State Child Protective System recognize certain professionals as holding the important role of mandated reporter of child abuse or maltreatment. These professionals can be held liable by both the civil and criminal legal systems for intentionally failing to make a report. Mandated reporters are required to report instances of suspected child abuse or maltreatment only when they are presented with reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or maltreatment in their professional roles.

PARENTAL PERMISSION – Many services require parental permission up to age 18. Some services may be provided in the absence of parental permission (e.g. runaway, homeless, and drug and alcohol services).

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY – Parents are often held responsible for the behavior of their children.

PSYCHOTHERAPY - general term for treating mental health problems by talking with a psychiatrist, psychologist or other mental health provider. During psychotherapy, you learn about your condition and your moods, feelings, thoughts and behaviors. Psychotherapy helps you learn how to take control of your life and respond to challenging situations with healthy coping skills. **Things to remember when you seeking services:**

- Insurance coverage. Check with your insurance company beforehand to find out what kind of mental health coverage you have. Obtain a list of eligible providers or find out the process for qualifying for mental health services with your plan. If there is a co-pay find out if it increases over time, or if there are limits to your coverage (e.g. a limit of 10 sessions). You may need to see your primary care physician for a referral.

- Be specific when discussing your concerns about your child's behavior. Ask when scheduling the appointment or at the first (intake) session if there is a staff member who has expertise in that area.
- Gain knowledge and maintain active participation in your child's treatment. All parents/caregivers have feelings and emotions that are overwhelming when assisting their child in treatment. Seeking treatment is not a failure in parenting. It is like seeking medical attention like you would for any other illness. Parents/caregivers of a child born with a disability often go through grief, shock, and denial. They may minimize the situation and then experience an overwhelming sense of guilt and failure. These are stresses in their lives that they hope and expect that the mental health professional, as the expert, will be able to "fix" their child. Even if your child receives excellent counseling services, he or she is with the family or in school much more of the time. Families themselves often need to change their rules and learn new ways of working together, in order to help the child. Be sure to ask your child's counselor for advice with any behavior management issues you have at home.
- Medication. There are many effective medications for a variety of mental health and behavioral problems from depression to hyperactivity. Every child responds differently. The prescribing physician will explain the benefits and risks of medication and any side effects. Medication often takes time to reach a therapeutic level.

Take steps to get the most out of your therapy and help make it a success.

- **Make sure you feel comfortable with your therapist.** If you don't, look for another therapist with whom you feel more at ease.
- **Approach therapy as a partnership.** Therapy is most effective when you're an active participant and share in decision-making. Make sure you and your therapist agree about the major issues and how to tackle them. Together, you can set goals and measure progress over time.
- **Be open and honest.** Success depends on willingness to share your thoughts, feelings and experiences, and to consider new insights, ideas and ways of doing things. If you're reluctant to talk about certain issues because of painful emotions, embarrassment or fears about your therapist's reaction, let your therapist know.
- **Stick to your treatment plan.** If you feel down or lack motivation, it may be tempting to skip psychotherapy sessions. Doing so can disrupt your progress. Try to attend all sessions and to give some thought to what you want to discuss.
- **Don't expect instant results.** Working on emotional issues can be painful and may require hard work. You may need several sessions before you begin to see improvement.

- **Do your homework between sessions.** If your therapist asks you to document your thoughts in a journal or do other activities outside of your therapy sessions, follow through. These homework assignments can help you apply what you've learned in the therapy sessions to your life.
- **If psychotherapy isn't helping, talk to your therapist.** If you don't feel that you're benefiting from therapy after several sessions, talk to your therapist about it. You and your therapist may decide to make some changes or try a different approach that may be more effective.

SURRENDER OF CUSTODY – If your child must be placed in a residential treatment setting and DCFS is the placing agency, you may be asked to surrender custody as a condition of placement. It is possible that parents are financially responsible for some of the payment for out of home placement.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

Behavioral Health in Early Childhood

Behaviors in early childhood which create concerns for parents may still be age-appropriate (e.g. temper tantrums for ages 2-3, sexual curiosity, and occasional bed-wetting after toilet training is completed, etc.). Children who have been exposed to violence, family disruption or other trauma are more likely to display problematic behaviors.

Bed wetting - If your child is wetting the bed twice per week for at least 3 consecutive months and this causes significant stress in other areas of functioning (social, at school, e.g.) then it should be flagged as a time to take action. Check with your pediatrician to rule out a medical condition. If this is ruled out, it is likely that some psychological factors are involved.

School Avoidance - School avoidance is a young child's irrational *fear* of going to school. It is to be distinguished from a child who does not want to go to school or who is skipping school to hang out with friends. In some cases, the child may have specific fears of something (e.g. bullies, academic demands). Sometimes the child is not so much afraid to go to school as afraid to leave home due to worry about what may happen to a parent when the child is gone (e.g. fear of parental illness (physical or mental); fear of parental incapacity due to substance abuse; fear of domestic violence). It is important to talk to your child to better understand the fear, as well as to the teacher who may have a different view of the problem. The teacher may be extremely helpful in working out a plan to help your child feel more comfortable and less anxious about being in school. The school may ask you to talk to the school psychologist or social worker about your concerns.

Sexual behaviors - in children can range from normative behaviors to sexually harmful behaviors. Some behaviors may include: masturbation, interest in seeing or touching other children's body parts, "flashing" one's genitals, watching pornography, or more serious sexually harmful behaviors.

Sexually harmful behaviors - may result from curiosity, a child having been exposed to the sexual behavior of adults or the Internet, or from having been a victim of sexual abuse. There are many possible reasons why a youth may engage in these behaviors and it is necessary to have an evaluation determine the best course of action.

- There is specialized treatment for youth who cause sexual harm. The specialized treatment includes safety planning, individual treatment, family treatment, sexual health curriculum, and skill building.

Cruelty to animals - If your child exhibits cruel or excessively punitive behavior towards animals, it is important not to dismiss or ignore it. This behavior may be coupled with other behaviors, such as anger, threatening behavior toward others, physical fights, stealing, destructiveness and lying. This behavior may be a one-time event for your child or could be part of a more persistent pattern.

Aggressive behavior - Aggressive behavior can be observed in physical or verbal attacks on others. Younger children may display aggression by hitting or yelling at playmates and being destructive with toys or school supplies. Youth may engage in physical fighting, bullying, and defiance of authority or delinquent acts.

Steps you can take to assist your child(ren):

- See your pediatrician. Your child's doctor knows your child and is the first person to consult with your concerns.
- Seek help from a children's mental health professional.

Behavioral Health in Middle Childhood

Anxiety and Stress Disorders - Emotional disorders characterized by unrealistic and/or excessive fear and worry, decreased concentration and memory, indecisiveness, irritability, impatience, anger and sleep disturbances. The list includes: Generalized Anxiety disorder, Panic Disorder, Phobic Disorder, Acute Stress Disorder, PTSD and Adjustment Disorder. *Post-traumatic Stress Disorder* is the development of behaviors or symptoms following an extreme traumatic stressor. Events experienced by others that may be traumatic for a child include: personal assault, serious accident or injury to a close family member or friend; sudden death of a family member or close friend. Children who have been exposed to domestic violence are also vulnerable to becoming traumatized.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges. There is often nothing about how people with ASD look that sets them apart from other people, but people with ASD may communicate, interact, behave, and learn in ways that are different from most other people. The learning, thinking, and problem-solving abilities of

people with ASD can range from gifted to severely challenged. Some people with ASD need a lot of help in their daily lives; others need less.

A diagnosis of ASD now includes several conditions that used to be diagnosed separately: autistic disorder, pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS), and Asperger syndrome. These conditions are now all called autism spectrum disorder.

Chemical Dependency (Drug/Alcohol Abuse) - Children may use drugs or alcohol in an attempt to diminish the stress of family or school concerns. Underage drinking and drug use are both against the law; however, many families and peer cultures permit or encourage substance use as acceptable teen behavior. We know that the younger a child is when they begin to use alcohol or drugs; the more likely they are to be impaired by substance use. If a child's behavior or school performance is declining and a parent is suspect of substance abuse, there are counselors professionally trained in diagnosing and treating substance abuse and dependence.

Conduct Disorder - The child may demonstrate aggression toward people and animals, repeated physical fighting, initiate fighting, use of weapons, stealing, destruction of property, deceit and repeated lying to obtain something. The child frequently breaks rules at home and in school.

Depression - Depression refers to a group of emotional disorders characterized by, sadness, discouragement, despair, pessimism about the future, reduced activity and productivity, sleep disturbance or excessive fatigue and feelings of hopelessness. In childhood, depression can look different from the way it manifests in adults. Instead of appearing sad, a child may be irritable, agitated or cranky. There may be a loss of interest in friends, games or sports, which previously were a source of pleasure. School performance may suffer. Again, there are many effective treatments for depression, all of which start with an evaluation by a mental health professional.

Non-Suicidal Self-Injury - Cutting, scratching, or pinching skin enough to cause damage. Banging or punching, burning skin or pulling out large amounts of hair. Self-harm can be completed so that the person escapes unbearable emotional pain and to relieve the tension.

Suicidal Thoughts and Gestures - Threats of suicide should always be taken seriously. If your child is making statements like "life stinks" or "I hate life," it may not be intent to commit suicide, but it deserves further discussion. Substance abuse is often a factor that increases feelings of hopelessness, or removes the barriers to acting on suicidal thoughts.

Suicidal Ideation - Suicidal ideation refers to the serious contemplation of suicide or thought patterns that lead to killing yourself. If a child expresses a desire to die, they need an evaluation by a mental health professional. If your child has a plan to kill themselves or has attempted suicide in the past; it is important that the child not be left alone, and regardless of the child's intentions, emergency help must be sought.

- 911 if an injury is life-threatening
- Dutchess County's 24 hour Helpline (845-485-9700) can provide assistance and/or Mobile Crisis services.
- Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital Emergency Department for mental health assessment.

Oppositional Defiant Disorder - The child is often spiteful, refuses to follow rules, and blames others rather than taking responsibility for their own behavior. A key to addressing these concerns is helping parents to find effective methods for addressing the behaviors with consistent rules and consequences. Another key element in addressing oppositional or anti-social behavior is ensuring that all adults who interact with your child are consistent in setting limits and imposing consequences for behavior that is unacceptable.

Eating Disorders - If you have noticed distinct differences in your child's eating patterns, it is important to talk to your child about what is going on.

Anorexia Nervosa - Anorexia is diagnosed when an individual is underweight and using extreme weight-loss strategies. A key element is that the teen exhibits a significant disturbance in the perception of the shape or size of their body. Signs of anorexia may be: very restricted diet of low calorie foods, excessive exercise, frequent weighing, obsessive measuring of body parts, skipped menstrual cycles, medical problems such as anemia or dehydration, fatigue or even excess energy.

Bulimia - Bulimia is a disorder defined as consumption of an abnormally large amount of food in a very short period of time. Often the food is very high in calories. In an attempt to compensate for the weight gain, the individual attempts to rid themselves of the food through purging or through the use of laxatives and diuretics.

Binge Eating - Is a disorder when a person has recurrent episodes of eating an unusually large amount of food in a short period of time. These binges occur at least twice per week over 6 months. They feel disgusted, distressed, and ashamed over their actions.

Attachment Disorder - Children with attachment disorders or other attachment problems have difficulty connecting to others and managing their own emotions. This results in a lack of trust and self-worth, a fear of getting close to anyone, anger, and a need to be in control. A child with an attachment disorder feels unsafe and alone. Attachment disorders are the result of negative experiences in this early relationship. If young children feel repeatedly abandoned, isolated, powerless, or uncared for—for whatever reason—they will learn that they can't depend on others and the world is a dangerous and frightening place.

Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD) - Children with reactive attachment disorder have been so disrupted in early life that their future relationships are also impaired. They have difficulty relating to others and are often developmentally delayed. Reactive attachment disorder is common in children who have been abused, bounced around in foster care, lived in orphanages, or taken away from their primary caregiver after establishing a bond.

Transitioning to Adulthood

Family Focus vs. Individual Focus - Youth moving into later adolescence experience a push for greater independence, even when the skills to be independent are lacking. One fact is worth remembering: parents remain legally and financially responsible for their children up to age 21. Youth generally do not become eligible for public assistance as individuals until age 21.

Despite this, in some service systems youth are considered “adult” at an earlier point. For example, in the criminal justice system, a youth at age 17 is charged as an adult and youth as young as 13 charged with a serious crime may be treated as an adult.

In the mental health system, a youth is served in the adult system at age 18, however in the Astor Clinics a child can be served up to the age of 21.

In the education system, a youth must attend school up until at least the age of 16, and in some school districts up to age 18. In NYS, all youth are entitled to a free public education until they obtain a high school diploma or reach the age of 21. A youth with a Developmental Disability can remain in school until age 21.

Once a youth is considered an adult in various service systems, the wishes and input of family members do not have to be considered unless the youth gives written consent. Most adult services assume an individual rather than family focus and many service providers recognize the importance of including family members.

Mental Health Planning - Youth age 18 and over entering the mental health system will enter the adult service system. If the youth is *already* receiving mental health services through the Astor Counseling Centers, they may be continued up to age 21, or until such time as treatment can be concluded or a transition to the adult system has been arranged.

Educational and Vocational Planning - Transition planning, identifying and preparing the path a youth will follow upon leaving school, should begin at age 15. Schools have guidance staff; however with large student caseloads, a parent must be very persistent in finding out what educational and vocational options are best suited for their child. Although all students are now expected to pass Regents exams to receive a High School diploma, the TASC and other vocational options can provide the youth with basic requirements to enter the job market. School guidance offices, one-stop employment centers and ACCES-VR (Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation), all can provide information about eligibility and career planning. For young adults with Developmental Disabilities, gaining eligibility with Taconic DDRO will open the door for many more services.

Independent living- Many youth visualize living in an apartment and being able to support themselves. Many of these youth do not earn enough to accomplish this, or else would benefit from basic budgeting, banking and housekeeping skills to make this happen. There are several supported housing programs available through Hudson River Housing (HRH) that provide young adults safe housing as they build the skills and income needed to live more independently (See Older Youth/Young Adult section) or call (845)

452-0019 for further information about housing options. HRH also provides individual financial counseling and classes that can help older youth develop budgeting and money management skills. Paid employment training is also available for youth/young adults through HRH. (Contact 454-5176 for further information).

Adult Single Point of ACCESS [SPOA] – 845-486-2768

Supportive housing for the mentally ill, through the Department of Behavioral & Community Health

Young people, age 18 and over, with severe persistent mentally illness and are in need of supportive housing as they enter adulthood may be eligible for housing in a range of residential options. Applicants must be in mental health treatment (*contact Helpline at 845-485-9700*). Referrals are made through the primary therapist or care manager.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Behavioral Health Booklets

- [Anxiety Disorders](#) ([Español](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#))
A booklet to help you identify the symptoms and causes of anxiety disorders. It will also explain how to obtain treatment and suggest ways to make such treatment more effective.
- [Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder](#) ([Español](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#))
A variety of medications, behavior-changing therapies, and educational options are available to help people with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) focus their attention, build self-esteem, and function in new ways.
- [Bipolar Disorder](#) ([Español](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#))
Bipolar disorder, also known as manic-depressive illness, is a brain disorder that causes unusual shifts in a person's mood, energy, and ability to function. Bipolar disorder can be treated, and people with this illness can lead full and productive lives.
- [Bipolar Disorder in Teens](#) ([Español](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#))
Anyone can develop bipolar disorder, including children and teens. Learn more about the symptoms and treatment.
- [Depression](#) ([Español](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#))
Depressive illnesses often interfere with normal functioning and cause pain and suffering not only to those who have the disorder, but also to those who care about them. There are now medications and psychosocial therapies that ease the pain of depression.
- [Eating Disorders](#) ([Español](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#))
Facts about eating disorders and the search for solutions.
- [Heat Illness](#) ([Español](#) | [في برع ل ا](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#) | [Kreyòl Ayisyen](#) | [Italianà](#) | [한국어를](#))
- [Medications](#)
A booklet to help people with mental illness and their families understand how and why medications can be used as part of the treatment of mental health problems.
- [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Information](#) ([Español](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#))
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is a normal reaction to seriously disturbing events. This booklet examines the signs, symptoms and steps you can take to treat Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

- [Schizophrenia](#) ([Español](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#))
Schizophrenia is a chronic, severe, and disabling brain disease. However, this is a time of hope for people with schizophrenia and their families. Research is gradually leading to new and safer medications and unraveling the complex causes of the disease.
- [Teen Depression](#)([Español](#) | [中文](#) | [Русский](#))
Learn more about the signs and symptoms of depression.

Stress Management and Resiliency

- [Self-Care at Work](#)
An infographic with wellness tips you can do from your desk.
- [Self-Care for Frontline Workers](#)
An infographic with wellness tips for NY's frontline workers.
- [Stress Management Tips for the Holidays](#)
An infographic with tips for the holiday season and warning signs of stress.
- [Stress Management for Students](#)
An infographic with stress relief tips for students
- [Resiliency Tips for New Yorkers](#)
A shareable infographic with resiliency reminders and tips for mental wellness.
- [How I Stay Resilient](#)
A free, print-at-home journal created by OMH to promote resilient thinking among New Yorkers.

Resources for Families

- A Guide for Parents: [One to Five Year Olds](#); [Five to Ten Year Olds](#); [Ten to Twelve Year Olds](#); [12 to 15 Year Olds](#); [15 to 18 Year Olds](#)
Promoting your child's social and emotional development

Domestic Violence

- [New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#)
- [New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#)
- [Dutchess County Human Trafficking Task Force Resource Guide](#)
- [Office on Women's Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence](#)
- [Domestic Shelters](#)
- [Dutchess County District Attorney: Domestic Violence](#)
- [The National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
- [The National Sexual Assault Hotline](#)
- [Don't Let Yourself Be Abused Videos](#)
- [NYC Elder Abuse Center](#)
- [Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights](#)

Teen Dating Violence

- [Center for Disease and Prevention's Teen Dating Violence Info](#)
- [Youth.gov's Teen Dating Violence](#)
- [Break the Cycle](#)
- [Love is Respect](#)

- [Stop Teen Dating Violence](#)
- [Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services](#)

Pet Safety

- [Grace Smith House](#) (845) 452-7155 partners with a local animal shelter to ensure everyone in the family receives shelter. Pets are part of the family, and in homes where there is violence, they are just as much at risk as the human members of the household. No one deserves to be abused and no one deserves to be left behind.

Animal Therapy Resources

- **Hudson Valley Paws for a Cause** www.HudsonValeyPawsforaCause.org (914) 953-6434

Pet therapy and animal assisted activities serving Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, Fairfield Counties and NY Capital region.

There is a therapy dog used regularly in the Dover schools. The email is therapydogivy@gmail.com and the handler's name is Stacey.

- **CBS** (community based services) has day hab and respite programs in Hopewell Junction. They have a therapy dog that comes monthly through Blue Path. Contact them to see if they do anything privately at <https://petpartners.org/>

- **Sherry:** (845) 242-0876 or visit: <https://guardianrevival.org/programs/boots-paws/>

- **Donkey Park's, Little Brays of Sunshine**

Owner, Steve Stiert

steve@donkeypark.org / stiert@hvc.rr.com / (845) 389-9159

<http://donkeypark.org/>

- **Alix Sugarman, Experiential Psychotherapy, Red Hook, NY**

Has done some animal assisted therapy with horses. She used to have a dog too, but not sure if she is still doing that. She may know of other resources. <http://www.sugarmantherapy.com/>

- **Hidden Hollow farms Riding Center:** (845) 758-0619

- **A Horse Connection:** (845) 417-4647

- **Animal Rescue Service**

2699 NY-22 #334

Dover Plains, NY 12522

(845) 877-0685

- **Stonewall Stables** (also on Facebook)

10 Pond Road

Cold Spring, NY

(845) 224-6399

- **Hope Rising Farm**

Therapeutic equine program in Millerton

<https://www.hoperisingfarm.org/>

- **Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue** (Contact: Deanna Mancuso)

2699 Route 22

Dover Plains, NY 12522

(845) 877-0685 or text (845) 416-8583

www.luckyorphans.org

- **Pegasus Therapeutic Riding**

310 Peach Lake Road (Rt. 121)
Brewster, NY 10509-1715
(845) 669-8235

<https://www.pegasustr.org>

Enhances the lives of individuals who have disabilities and challenges through equine-assisted activities and education.

- **Topfield Equestrian Center, Inc.** (Therapeutic Riding Program)

115 Stonecrop Lane
Cold Spring, NY 10516

(845) 265-3409 or visit: <https://www.topfieldcenter.org/therapeutic-riding-programs>

- **Winslow Therapeutic Center** (Adult Day Program for adults with disabilities)

1433 State Route 17A
Warwick, NY 10990

(845) 986-6686; info@winslow.org; www.winslow.org

- **Therapy Barn** (Contact: Lo Torres)

7085 Rt. 9


Rhinebeck 12572

(845) 516-4016; therapybarnrhinebeck@gmail.com; <https://therapybarn.co/>

- <https://hvmag.com/life-style/equine-therapy-nonprofits>
- https://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=animalassistedtherapy&find_near=esthetics-by-ari-poughkeepsie

(If the above link doesn't work, google "yelp 10 best animal assisted therapy programs in poughkeepsie")

Resources for School and Mental Health Partners

- [Suicide Prevention in New York Schools](#)  This comprehensive guide offers educators the resources and best practices towards the prevention of youth suicide.
- [A Primer on the NYS Children's Mental Health System](#)
What school district leaders should know when creating school and mental health partnerships.
- [Education 101 for Mental Health Leaders](#)
What local mental health leaders should know when creating partnerships with NYS schools.
- [Improving School and Community Outcomes for Children and Adolescents with Emotional and Behavioral Challenges](#)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH APPS

- **Best overall:** [Moodkit](#)
- **Best for therapy:** [Talkspace](#)
- **Best for meditation:** [Headspace](#)
- **Best for suicide awareness:** [Better Stop Suicide](#)
- **Best for stress:** [iBreathe](#)
- **Best for anxiety:** [MindShift CBT](#)
- **Best for addiction:** [Quit That!](#)
- **Best for boosting your mood:** [Happify](#)
- **Best for eating disorders:** [Recovery Record](#)
- **Best for OCD:** [NOCD](#)
- **Best for sleep:** [Calm](#)
- **Best for drinking less alcohol:** [Reframe](#)
- **Best for quitting alcohol:** [I Am Sober](#)

ACRONYMS

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AA	Alcoholics Anonymous
ACCES-VR	Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation
ACOA	Adult Children of Alcoholics
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ADT	Adolescent Day Treatment (Astor/BOCES)
AIOP	Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program (Mid-Hudson Regional)
ALANON	Organization of relatives and friends whose lives have been affected by the alcoholism of another
ALATEEN	Organization of teen children of alcoholics
APS	Adult Protective Services

B

BETA	BOCES Education and Training Academy
BOCES	Board of Cooperative Educational Services

C

CA	Crisis Avoidance
CAC	Child Advocacy Center
CAMI	Chemical Abuser/ Mental Ill
CASSP	Child and Adolescent Service System Program
CCF	Council on Children and Families or Congregate Care Facility
CDT	Continuing Day Treatment
CFC	Choices for Change
CFTSS	Children and Family Treatment and Support Services
CI	Crisis Intervention
CMA	Care Management Agency
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center
CPS	Child Protective Services
CPSE	Committee for Preschool Special Education
CPST	Community psychiatric support and treatment
CR	Community Residence
CRC	Certified Rehabilitation Counselor
CPSE	Committee on Pre-school Special Education
CSE	Committee on Special Education
C-SPOA	Children's Single Point of Access
C-YES	Children and Youth Evaluation Services

D

DCFS	Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services
DCBH	Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health
DCJ	Dutchess County Jail
DD	Developmental Disability
DDRO	Developmental Disability Regional Office
DSM-V	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – Fifth Edition

E

ECCSI	Enhanced Coordinated Children's Services Initiative
ED	Emotionally Disturbed
EI	Early Intervention

EIP Early Intervention Program

F

FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

FPSS Family Support Services

H

HBCI Home-Based Crisis Intervention

HCBS Home and Community Based Services

HFWS High Fidelity Wraparound Services

HH Health Home Care Management

HRH Hudson River Housing

HRFO Hudson River Field Office (OMH)

I

ID Intellectual Disability

IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IDT Intensive Day Treatment (RCPC - Poughkeepsie)

IEP Individualized Education Plan

II Intensive Interventions

ITCM Intermediate Term Crisis Management

L

LDSS Local Department of Social Service

LGBTQ Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning

LGU Local Government Unit

LOC Level of Care

M

MADD Mothers against Drunk Driving

MF Medically Fragile

MHA Mental Health America

MHR Mid-Hudson Regional

N

NA	Narcotics Anonymous
NAMI	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
NARANON	Organization for relatives and friends of substance abusers
NYSED	New York State Education Department

O

OLP	Other Licensed Practitioner
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P

PACC	Pre-Admission Certification Committee
PHP	Partial Hospitalization Program
PINS	Person in Need of Supervision
PO	Probation Officer / Parole Officer
PROS	Personal Recovery Orientated Services

R

RCPC	Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center
RP	Rehabilitative Psychoeducation
RPC	Rockland Psychiatric Center
RS	Rehabilitative Supports
RSS	Rehabilitation Support Services

S

SAC	Student Assistance Counselor
SED	Serious Emotional Disturbance or State Education Department
SBSP	Strength based Service Planning
SETRC	Special Education Training and Resource Center
SOGIE	Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression
SPOE	Single Point of Entry (for Adult Housing; for Adult Care Management)
SPMI	Seriously and Persistently Mentally Ill
SSD	Social Security Disability
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income

SYNC Serving Youth in Their Community

T

TRI Taconic Resources for Independence

V

VA Veterans' Administration

VBH Vassar Brothers Medical Center

W

WIC Women, Infants and Children Feeding Program

WIN Work Incentive Program

Y

YAP Youth Advocacy Program

YPS Youth Peer Support



Helpful links

State links

[New York State Office of Mental Health \(OMH\)](#)

[The Children's Plan](#)

[Citizens' Committee for Children of New York](#)

[Families Together in NYS](#)

[New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services \(NYS OASAS\)](#)

[New York State Office of Children & Family Services \(NYS OCFS\)](#)

[NYS Council on Children and Families](#)

[Mental Health Association in NYS \(MHANYS\)](#)

[Connect for Kids](#)

[National Alliance on Mental Illness – New York State](#)

[Timothy's Law](#)

[Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy \(SCAA\)](#)

[NY Children's Action Network](#)

[The Sanctuary Model Andrus Center](#)

National links

[United States Department of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#)

[National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health](#)

[Parent to Parent USA](#)

[National Alliance on Mental Illness \(NAMI\)](#)

[National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice](#)

[Attachment and Trauma Network](#)

[The National Child Traumatic Stress Network \(NCTSN\)](#)

[American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry](#)

[American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law](#)

[Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law](#)

[Child Welfare League of America](#)

[Mental Health America](#)

[National Council for Behavioral Health Services](#)

INFORMATIVE WEBSITES

Also use your search option on social media for more information.

www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/acs/home.html	Administration for Children's Services
www.nycareerzone.org	Career Zone
www.caregiver.com	Articles on Caregiver Issues
www.catholiccharitiesny.org	Catholic Charities
www.connectforkids.com	Connect for Kids (Annie E. Casey Foundation)
www.ccf.ny.gov/index.htm	NY State Council on Children and Families
www.dutchessny.gov	Dutchess County Government website
www.glsen.org	Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network
www.ftnys.org	Families Together in New York State
www.ffcmh.org	Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
http://midhudson.org	Library
www.lexingtonctr.org	Lexington Center for Recovery
www.lawhelp.org/NY	Helps low-income NY'ers solve legal problems
www.ncset.org	National Center on Secondary Education and Transit
www.parentcenterhub.org	Center for Parent Information and Resources (CPIR)
www.nmha.org	National Mental Health America
www.acces.nysed.gov/vr/	New York State Education Department – Adult Career and Continuing Education Services Vocational Rehabilitation
www.nysteachs.org	New York State Technical & Education Assistance
Center for Homeless Students	
www.pacer.org	PACER (children and young adults with disabilities)
www.parenttoparentnys.org	Parent to Parent in NY State
www.safeyouth.gov	Youth Violence Prevention
www.aacap.org	American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
www.armsacres.com/	Arms Acres (Liberty Management)
www.astorservices.org	Astor Services For Children & Families
www.capedc.org	Council on Addiction Prevention & Education

www.dcboces.org/index.php

www.dutchesscap.org

www.dccacd.org/

Dependency

www.co.dutchess.ny.us/

www.dutchessoutreach.org

www.familyservicesny.org/

www.fourwindshospital.com/

www.hudsonriverhousing.org/

www.mhadutchess.com/

www.namimidhudson.org

www.omh.state.ny.us/

www.midhudsonregionalhospital.org/

www.opwdd.ny.gov

www.taconicresources.org

www.dutchessmediation.org/

www.unitedwaydutchess.org

www.samhsa.gov

Administration

www.asha.org

Dutchess County BOCES

Dutchess County Community Action Agency

Dutchess County Council on Alcoholism and Chemical

Dutchess County Online (links to county agencies)

Dutchess Outreach

Family Services

Four Winds Hospital

Hudson River Housing

Mental Health America of Dutchess County

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

NYS Office of Mental Health

Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical

Taconic Developmental Disabilities Services Office

Taconic Resources for Independence - Disability Links -
on-line Parent Resource guide

The Mediation Center

United Way Dutchess County

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

American Speech Language Hearing Association

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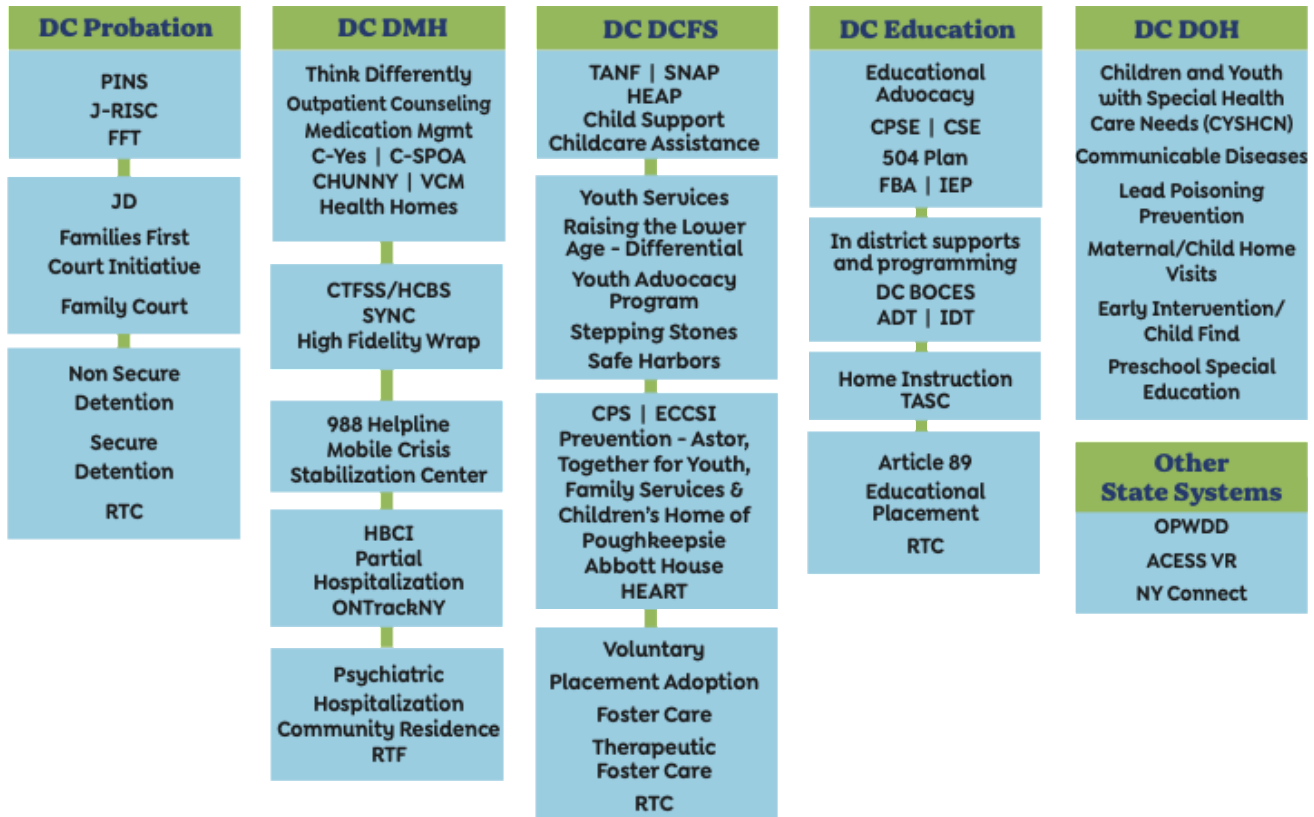
*** Please refer to specific sections of the guide for additional services***

Arms Acres (Liberty Management)	888-227-4641
Astor Home Based Services	845-486-9743
Astor Counseling Services Poughkeepsie	845-471-6004
Council on Addiction Prevention & Education	845-765-8301
Catholic Charities	845-452-1400
Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse	845-454-0599
Children's Home of Poughkeepsie	845-452-1420
Children's Medical Group	845-452-1700
Dutchess County BOCES	845-486-4840
Dutchess County Department of Mental Health (DMH)	845-485-9700
Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS)	845-486-3000
Dutchess County Early Intervention (EI)	845-486-3518
Dutchess County Healthy Families	845-452-3387
Dutchess Outreach	845-454-3792
Family Services	845-452-1110
Family Partnership	845-452-6088
Four Winds Hospital	800-546-1770
Grace Smith House	845-471-3033
Hudson River Housing	845-454-5176
Mental Health America (MHA)	845-473-2500

Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center	845-483-5000
Taconic Resources for Independence	845-452-3913
Taconic DDRO	845-473-5050
United Way Dutchess	845-471-1900
Vassar Brothers Medical Center	845-454-8500



Dutchess County Enhanced Coordinated Children's Services Initiative System of Care Chart





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Adverse Childhood Experiences

10 ACEs

Parental Divorce or Separation
 Caregiver in Jail or Prison
 Caregiver Depression, Mental Illness or Suicide Attempt
 Domestic Violence or Threats
 Emotional Abuse or Neglect
 Sexual Abuse or Exposure
 Food, Clothing or Housing Insecurity
 Physical Abuse, Hitting or Slapping
 Caregiver Problem with Drugs or Alcohol
 Felt Unsupported, Unloved and Unwanted

ACEs Being Studied

Placement in Foster Care
 Bullying or Harassment at School
 Parent or Guardian Died
 Separated from Caregiver through Deportation or Immigration
 Medical Procedure(s) or Life Threatening Illness
 Frequent School or Neighborhood Violence
 Treated Badly Because of Race, Sexual Orientation, Place of Birth, Disability or Religion

Source: Center for Youth Wellness, ACE Questionnaire



Intergenerational Transmission

Adverse Community Environments

Poor Housing Quality and Affordability
 Discrimination
 Deterioration of Physical Environment
 Lack of Access to Educational Opportunities
 Low Sense of Collective Political and Social Efficacy

Intergenerational Poverty
 Lack of Opportunity and Economic Mobility
 Poor Transportation Services or System
 Community Disruption
 Damaged Social Networks and Trust
 Unhealthy Products
 Long-Term Unemployment



Social-Cultural Environment

Physical Environment

Economic Environment

Adapted From: Ellis W. Dietz BCR Framework Academic Peds (2017)

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Resiliency Building Experiences

Buffering Relationships

Feels Loved by Parent(s) or Primary Caregiver
 Supportive Family Relationships
 Supportive Community Relationships
 Parent(s) or Primary Caregiver Enjoy Playing with Child
 Relatives Provide Support When Sad or Worried
 Caring Neighbors or Family Friends
 Support from Teacher, Coach, Youth Leader, or Minister

Family Cares about Child's School Work and Performance
 Family, Neighbors, and Friends Talk About Making Lives Better
 Rules, Structure, and Expectations in Household
 Someone Trusted to Talk to When Feeling Bad
 Adults Who Notice Child's Strengths and Accomplishments
 Sense of Independence
 Positive Outlook on Life



Hope and Resilience

Positive Community Environments

Available, Affordable Quality Housing
 Lack of Discrimination
 Clean and Safe Physical Environment
 Access to Educational Opportunities
 High Sense of Collective Political and Social Efficacy

Lots of Opportunity and Economic Mobility
 Quality Transportation Services or System
 Cohesive Social Networks and Trust
 Access to Healthy Products and Foods
 Employment Opportunities



Physical Environment

Economic Environment

Social-Cultural Environment

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