

# NEWS RELEASE



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### **Parsons Early Head Start Receives \$20k Grant From The Schenectady Foundation**

**ALBANY, N.Y.** — The Schenectady Foundation has awarded the Parsons Early Head Start (EHS) program of Northern Rivers Family of Services a \$20,000 grant to fund childcare for low-income parents pursuing educational and training opportunities.

The funding will be used to enable EHS parents, who otherwise could not afford child care, to access EHS services between the expanded hours of 7 and 9 a.m. and 3 and 5 p.m., which would allow them time to attend educational/vocational day classes and to study. EHS will also introduce therapeutic group sessions for program participants to help and support parents in their educational pursuits.

“This funding will be a life-changer for our Early Head Start parents as they work to pursue education, obtain meaningful employment and overcome poverty. We are truly grateful to The Schenectady Foundation for investing in the futures of our young, strong families,” said William T. Gettman, CEO of Northern Rivers.

EHS serves more than 200 Schenectady County low-income pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers up to age 3 each year, through home and center-based programming and services. They offer a variety of learning and social activities for children and health and safety skills for parents, along with early assessment services in child development, mental health, hearing and vision, nutrition, literacy and dental hygiene.

### **About Northern Rivers Family of Services:**

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

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