



Northern Rivers

Foster Family Program

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Queensbury, 518.798.4496

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www.givehopeahomeny.org

NORTHERNRIVERS

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. Northern Rivers is a family of human services agencies that work together and are committed to helping children, adults, and families.

Formed in 2012, Northern Rivers is the parent organization to Northeast Parent & Child Society (founded in 1888 in Schenectady) and Parsons Child & Family Center (founded in 1829 in Albany). Our quality of care, depth of programs, combined size, and passion for the mission make us a leading human services provider.

Informed by our nearly 200-year heritage, our 1,400-strong workforce provides services for 16,000 children, adults, and families throughout 35 counties throughout upstate New York.

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PARSONS CHILD & FAMILY CENTER
Life changing care since 1829

FOSTER FAMILY PROGRAM



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Foster Care

The Foster Family Program at Northern Rivers provides foster and preadoptive foster homes for children requiring out-of-home placement from birth through age 21. As members of a nationally accredited agency, Northern Rivers' foster parents and staff are some of the most highly trained and talented caring adults in New York state.

A proud partner with many communities throughout upstate New York, Northern Rivers has offices in Albany, Binghamton (Endwell), Hudson, Johnstown, Oneonta, Queensbury, and Schenectady, ensuring local support for our foster families in more than a 20-county service area.

Our Services

- Ongoing assessment of foster parents' strengths and needs that contribute to the success of maintaining safety and well-being to children in foster care
- Extensive precertification training
- Highly skilled Permanency Care Managers provide regular in-home support and therapeutic services supporting families and children on their way to permanency
- Professionals provide a wide range of supplemental services to enhance the experience of the child and foster family
- Ongoing training opportunities in a variety of venues: on-site, in-home, web-based, group conferencing and more!



Interested?

Foster parents must be at least age 21, may or may not have full-time or part-time jobs outside the home; and may or may not have children of their own.

If you have a passion to help children, please visit www.givehopeahomeny.org or call 844.855.CARE for further information.

Becoming a Foster Parent

Becoming a foster parent is a mutual selection process. Applicants and agency staff identify strengths and needs of prospective foster parents to assess readiness to foster/adopt.

- Inquire at or call 844.855.CARE
- Fill out application and participate in an orientation meeting with a trained staff
- Participate in a comprehensive training that focuses on skills for successful fostering
- Participate in background screenings
- Participate in creation of a home study

The Northern Rivers Difference

As a Northern Rivers foster parent, you're never alone. We believe that foster parents deserve the best support, including:

- A team of clinicians, case workers, and support staff available 24/7/365, both on-call and in-home
- Full- and part-time fostering opportunities to make sure you have the right fit
- Monthly stipends for the care and support of foster children
- Full health and wellness coverage for all foster children
- Extensive online resources including discussion groups, training materials, feedback to and from program staff, and connections with other foster families
- Services delivered through a trauma-informed care model which involves understanding, recognizing, and responding to the effects of trauma on foster children
- A network of more than 250 foster homes in upstate New York with the ability to serve more than 20 counties

