



We Can Help!

We are staffed by adoptive parents who possess extensive knowledge of special education and medical needs, as well as firsthand experience parenting children with emotional, mental health, and trauma-based needs.

If you are interested in these adoption and post-guardianship support services, please contact us:

518.426.2888

AdoptionNavigationServices@nrfs.org

For information on other services Northern Rivers Family of Services offers, visit:

www.northernrivers.org



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), Parsons Child & Family Center (founded in 1829 in Albany), and Unlimited Potential (founded in Saratoga Springs in 1979). Together we serve more than 16,000 children, adults, and families in more than 40 counties in New York state who struggle with abuse, neglect, trauma, mental health challenges, educational difficulties, career training and employment, and service navigation through an innovative continuum of home-, clinic-, school-, and community-based services, vocational rehabilitation, supported employment, and senior-supporting programs that provide person-centered, trauma-informed innovative solutions to ensure clients live their best lives.

With a 1,400-strong workforce and informed by our nearly 200-year heritage, our quality of care, depth of programs, combined size, and passion for the mission make us a leading human services provider.

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ADOPTION NAVIGATION SERVICES





Adoption Navigation Services

Northern Rivers' Adoption Navigation Services helps families formed through adoption and guardianship find necessary resources for the variety of issues and needs that arise after finalization.

Trained professionals support adoptive and post-guardianship families, while empowering them for growth and enabling positive outcomes for all involved.

What We Offer

- A helpline (518.426.2888) for information and referral services.
- Connection to a network of trauma-sensitive practitioners and agencies in the region that provide a variety of services to families who have adopted or have post-guardianship agreements.
- The opportunity to access extensive resources, support groups, adoption-focused parent training, clinical support, emotional support, and direction to help families navigate the complexities of adoption, and post-guardianship arrangements.
- A team of trauma-knowledgeable professionals with an understanding of children's crises and the importance of permanency.

Who Is Eligible?

Anyone who has an adopted child younger than age 21 is eligible to use this free service, as well as families who have legal guardianship or a kinGAP agreement for a child younger than age 18.

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