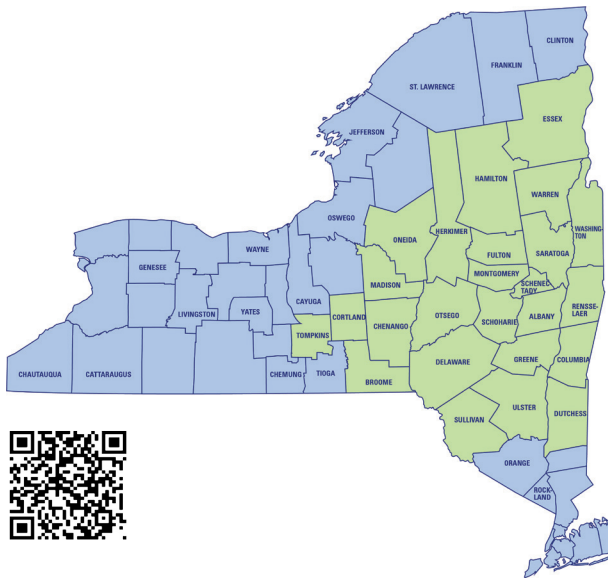


We're in your
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Founded where the Mohawk and Hudson meet, like the rivers that shaped our region, Northern Rivers Family of Services helps change lives by shaping the future of those we serve throughout the Capital Region and beyond. Northern Rivers 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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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, Gloversville, Herkimer, Hudson, 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 of 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
- Licensed clinicians provide individual, family, and group therapy, and nurses monitor overall health and wellness, including medication management
- Ongoing training opportunities in a variety of venues: on-site, in-home, web-based, group conferencing, and more



“Northern Rivers helped me be the best foster parent I could be.”

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 an 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, nurses, case workers, and support staff available 24/7/365, both on-call and in-home
- Full- and part-time fostering opportunities
- 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 that 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

