



Support for PINS Youth

safe and sound under our roof

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Contact us for sample contracts to show exactly how PINS services can work for you, and we'll work with you to develop a custom solution to meet your specific needs. To get started, call me at 518.426.2725.

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These services are provided by Northern Rivers Family of Services and member agencies.

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The PINS (Persons in Need of Supervision) reform legislation has changed the way counties are able to fund the kind of robust preventative community programming that gives youth and families the best chance for success. At Northern Rivers, we're committed to providing the services counties want while providing value they need. We've designed and developed several safety net options for counties and families so you can have the right answer when you need it.

Predispositional Placements

When youth are a risk to themselves, their families, or their communities and require a safe setting before appearing in court, Northern Rivers offers predispositional placements in all levels of our foster care settings: foster home, group home, and residential.

Postdispositional Placements

Even after a decision has been made, the entire Northern Rivers continuum of placement is still available to counties for PINS youth who are court-ordered for placement.

Preventive Respite

Sometimes families need a safe break from each other, time to calm down, and put supports in place. Northern Rivers offers respites of up to 21 days in our foster homes, group homes, and residential facilities.

As service and support plans are created for these youth, preventive planned respite can be part of their ongoing support plan. Northern Rivers respites are funded through a variety of county, New York State Office of Mental Health, and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) funding.

Diagnostic Assessments

Diagnostic assessments are available as an add-on to a 21-day respite placement or may be requested as part of a 30- or 45-day placement. We provide a comprehensive documented assessment with specific sections addressed by individual members of a team of multidisciplinary, professional child welfare experts, including a summary of recommendations. This document includes:

- Psychiatric assessment, including a review of medication
- Psychological assessment regarding youth and family dynamics
- Behavioral assessment, completed by milieu staff with recommendations and observations of what has been successful with the youth
- Clinical psychosocial and clinical assessment, which combines all the assessments and concludes with concrete recommendations