

# NORTHERNRIVERS

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NORTHEAST PARENT & CHILD SOCIETY  
PARSONS CHILD & FAMILY CENTER  
UNLIMITED POTENTIAL

*Life changing care since 1829*

*Lori Favata, Executive Program Director – Community Solutions*

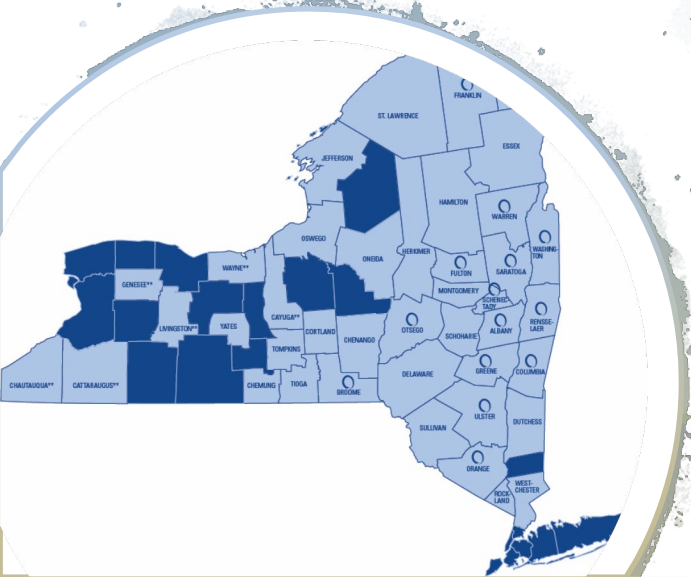
*Jennifer Myers, Director – Unlimited Potential*

*July 1, 2021*



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*Life changing care since 1829*



- **Three affiliates:**
  - Parsons Child and Family Center
  - Northeast Parent & Child Society
  - Unlimited Potential
- **18,000 children, adults, and families helped annually**
- **1,400 staff**
- **Four divisions:**
  - Residential and Foster Care
  - Special Education
  - Coordinated Care and Community Solutions
  - Behavioral Health

# NORTHERN RIVERS

Northeast Parent  
& Child Society  
*Established 1888*

Parsons Child  
& Family Center  
*Established 1829*

Unlimited Potential  
*Established 1979*

Affiliated on July 1, 2012

Affiliated on July 1, 2019

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# Client Services Division

## COORDINATED CARE AND COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

A care management and clinical service system designed to support children in meeting their individual needs and providing families with skills, resources and services that increase their ability to support children in their development.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

A community-based system of social work and psychiatric services designed to support the diverse range of behavioral health needs for children, adults and families while providing opportunities for awareness, growth, empowerment and healing.

## RESIDENTIAL AND FOSTER CARE SERVICES

A continuum of safe and therapeutic home and facility-based residential environments with comprehensive services for children and the families who support them.

## EDUCATION

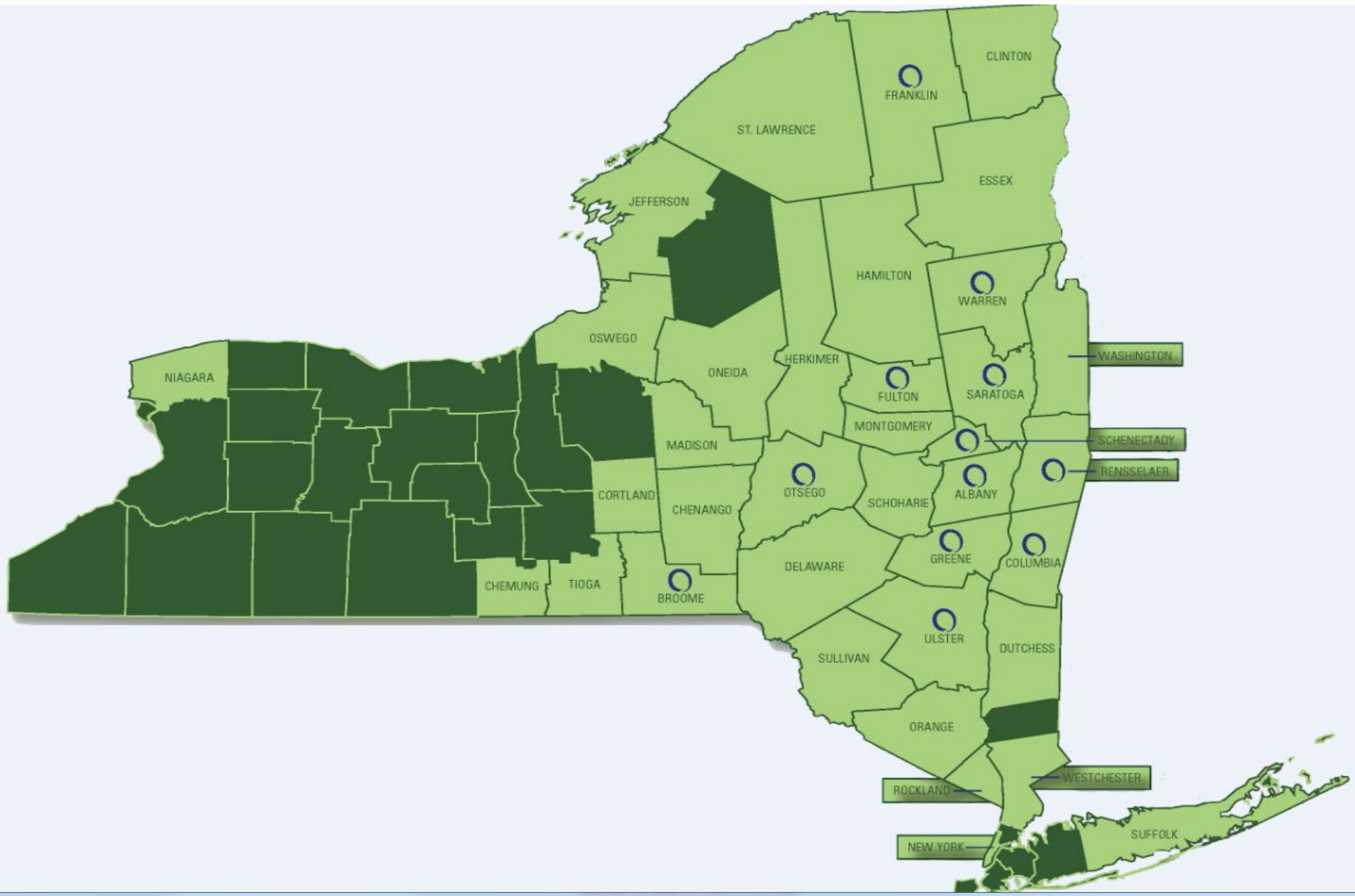
Educational, career development and clinical services designed for children and young adults with special needs related to social-emotional functioning, academics, and life planning that ensures sustainability and future student success.



A workforce of **1,400-strong**  
**60** programs and services  
across member agencies.

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# Our locations





# Unlimited Potential

- The newest of the member agencies of Northern Rivers
- Based in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
- Serving individuals with Serious Emotional Disturbances
- Emphasis on prevocational and employment services, peer supports, and social determinants of health



# Unlimited Potential Programming

## Three Avenues for Intervention:

- Saratoga County Mental Health
- ACCES VR
- Adult HCBS



# Saratoga County Mental Health - Prevocational and Employment Services

- What do these service entail?

Emphasis is placed on the development of the skills needed to obtain and sustain employment.

- Who is eligible?

Saratoga County residents who receive support for mental health concerns.

- How is this service accessed?

- Services can be requested on behalf of a consumer by a member of their treatment team.
- An individual can self refer



# Saratoga County Mental Health - Prevocational Services

Services components include:

- Support and guidance pertaining to :
  - Work compliance
  - Attendance
  - Task completion
  - Problem solving
  - Safety
  - Identifying obstacles to employment
  - Obtaining paperwork necessary for employment applications
- Activities outside of an individual's home that support acquisition, retention, or improvement in job-related skills related to self-care, sensory-motor development, daily living skills, communication, community living, improved socialization, and cognitive skills.

# Saratoga County Mental Health – Employment Services

Services components include:

- Transitional Employment Program

Designed to strengthen the individual's work record and work skills toward the goal of achieving assisted or unassisted competitive employment

- Assistive and Competitive Employment

Designed to prepare and support consumers for employment within an integrated setting.

- Ongoing Integrated Supported Employment

This service is provided after an individual successfully obtains and becomes oriented to competitive and integrated employment.

# Saratoga County Mental Health - Peer Supports

- What does this service entail?

Emphasis is placed on fostering independence, self-reliance, and the development of skills needed to function in the community.

- Who is eligible?

Saratoga County residents who receive support for mental health concerns.

- How is this service accessed?

- Services can be requested on behalf of a consumer by a member of their treatment team.
- An individual can self refer

# Saratoga County Mental Health – Warm Line

- The Warm Line is a resource for Saratoga County mental health consumers to reach out for support in nonemergency situations which may include but are not limited to:
  - Food Insecurity
  - Housing Insecurity
  - Social Exclusion
  - Problems relating to Primary support groups
- Warm Line Hours - 518.581.9809
  - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
  - Friday and Saturday, 7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.
- Staffed by Peer Support Specialists

# Saratoga County Mental Health - Golden Club

- What does this service entail?

A social group for Saratoga County seniors who receive mental health services

- Who is eligible?

Saratoga County mental health consumers over the age of 50

- How is this service accessed?

- Services can be requested on behalf of a consumer by a member of their treatment team.
- An individual can self refer

# ACCES VR

What is ACCES VR?

Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) is programming offered through the NY State Department of Education that provides services to individuals who have a disability, or disabilities, that interfere with getting, keeping, or advancing in a job.

How are services accessed?

To apply or be referred for ACCES-VR services one must be:

- A person with a disability or disabilities that impact their ability to get, keep or advance in a job
- Currently present in New York State
- Available to participate in the vocational rehabilitation process
- At least 14 years old
- Able to work in the United States



# ACCES VR referral

- How are these service accessed?
  - Services can be applied for on behalf of a consumer by a member of their treatment team.
  - An individual apply directly
  - A application can be submitted by a member of the consumer's school based services team

# Adult Home & Community Based Services (HCBS)

- What are Adult HCBS?

Services intended to provide opportunities for adult Medicaid beneficiaries with mental illness and/or substance use disorders to receive services in their own home or community.

- Who is able to access these services?

Medicaid beneficiaries who are 21 years of age or older and who are enrolled in a Health and Recovery Plan (HARP) with a serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder

# Adult HCBS referral

- What is the referral process?
  - HARP members will be required to be assessed for BH HCBS eligibility using the NYS Community Mental Health Eligibility Assessment.
  - The NYS Eligibility Assessment will determine if an individual is eligible for BH HCBS, and if eligible, eligibility for Tier 1 or Tier 2 BH HCBS.
    - Tier 1 services include employment, education and peer supports services.
    - Tier 2 includes the full array of BH HCBS.
  - If BH HCBS eligibility is determined based on the initial assessment, then a full assessment, called the NYS Community Mental Health Assessment, will be completed and a Plan of Care developed.
  - Once completed, a Health Home Care Manager will work in collaboration with the individual and identify the BH HCBS that will be included in the Plan of Care.

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