

## BRIDGES TO HEALTH (B2H) PROGRAM

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Northeast Parent & Child Society is a Health Care Integration Agency for Bridges to Health (B2H), serving 17 counties in Region 4 (Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Essex, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, St. Regis, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington counties). Services begin when a child or youth is in an eligible foster care setting and may continue after discharge from foster care. B2H is a Medicaid waiver program that supports the health and well-being of foster children, allowing those with serious emotional disturbances, developmental disabilities, and medical fragility to receive supplementary services not otherwise available. Goals are to prevent institutional placement or hospitalization and reduce the number of children who live in foster care settings.

### AVAILABLE SERVICES

Each youth and family is assigned a health care integrator (HCI) who:

- completes a comprehensive assessment and develops an individual plan for each child
- identifies regional services that allows the child to remain in his or her home community
- ensures the implementation and coordination of all services

Each youth and family is provided services by Northeast Parent & Child Society and/or approved agencies in their own communities. These 13 waiver services include:

- Skill building
- Special needs community advocacy
- Family caregiver supports and services
- Day habilitation
- Prevocational services
- Supported employment
- planned and crisis respite to provide relief for the child and family
- Crisis avoidance management and training
- Immediate crisis response services
- Intensive in-home supports and services
- Adaptive and assistive equipment
- Accessibility modifications

**Who can access services?** Youth are referred to B2H by the local Department of Social Services (LDSS) or Department of Juvenile Justice and Opportunity for Youth (DJJOY).

**How are services accessed?** Contact Amanda Capozzi, Director, 518.346.1285, ext 7527, for more information on B2H services or referrals.

**When are services available?** HCI and waiver service providers work with the youth and their family to design a schedule for services that meets their needs and availability.