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

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# Foster Parent Perspective

*A network of more than 300 foster homes in the upstate New York  
area with the ability to serve more than 20 counties.*

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System, the majority of children placed into foster care in the United States are victims of neglect (69.2 percent); 8.6 percent have been physically abused; 3.2 percent have experienced sexual abuse; and 14.3 percent have experienced multiple types of maltreatment. The remaining 4.7 percent were placed due to the death of guardians or other reasons.

When children unable to live with their birth parents for numerous unfortunate issues (including abuse or neglect, substance abuse problems, mental health issues, and monetary reasons), courts place them in a foster care home, preferably with relatives. When a safe environment cannot be found among relatives, however, children enter non-kin foster homes or group homes. Northern Rivers Family of Services, through our member agencies Northeast Parent & Child Society and Parsons Child & Family Center, offers a variety of services to place these children in the best possible home that suits their unique needs and circumstances.

- Programs serve children from birth to age 21 with all levels of behavioral needs.
- Referrals are either on an emergency basis or using an extensive matching process.
- We believe that with the right match any child can be successful living with a family.

## What sets us apart:

- 24-hour crisis support for foster families
- Ability to work with children, foster families, and birth families
- Focus on what is needed to help a child return home and stay home
- Provide a high level of training and support to foster families to minimize placements changes and disruptions
- A network of more than 250 foster homes in the upstate New York area with the ability to serve over 20 counties

## We work with children toward one of the following goals:

- To be reunited with their families or relatives
- To be adopted
- If older than 16, to have a stable, continuous relationship with foster parents who provide the guidance, instruction, and support an adolescent needs for making the transition to an alternative living arrangement upon discharge from foster care

In addition to working with foster parents and the children placed in their care, we provide various levels and durations of respite services to foster parents when necessary.

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# The Northern Rivers Difference

We hope you'll be a Northern Rivers foster parent.

As a Northern Rivers foster parent, you're never alone because 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 to make sure you have the right fit
- 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 300 foster homes in upstate New York with the ability to serve more than 20 counties

## Ready to become a Northern Rivers foster parent?

Interested in opening your home to a foster child?

With offices conveniently located across New York state, our Homefinders are ready to help and answer your questions.

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