

Greater Rochester Area Programs

Primary Care, Medication Management, and Mental Health Services

Easter Seals New York's Article 28 and Article 31 Clinics: The Mental Health and Diagnostic Center (DTC) located in Rochester, New York, are long-established and unique facilities that specialize in serving the needs of children and adults with developmental disabilities locally and region-wide. The DTC provides mental health services to children and adults, psychological and psychiatric assessments and evaluations, medication evaluations and medication management. Primary Care for adults is also part of the Article 28 clinic. For intake or more information, please call 585-292-5830.

Medicaid Service Coordination

Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) is a Medicaid State Plan service provided under the auspices of The Office For People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) which assists eligible persons with developmental disabilities in gaining access to necessary supports and services appropriate to the needs of the individual. MSC is provided by qualified service coordinators and uses a person centered planning approach in developing, implementing and



maintaining an Individualized Service Plan (ISP) with and for a person with developmental disabilities. MSC promotes the concepts of informed choice, individualized services and supports, and satisfaction. MSC is designed to help people strive for the highest quality of life. The focus of MSC is on assisting each person to achieve his or her unique goals and desires relative to the person's informed choices including but not limited to: choice of home; meaningful work and/or community activities; social and leisure activities; meaningful relationships; and access to services/supports that promote optimal health. For more information, contact Patrice Taylor, Coordinator of HCBS at 585-957-9210.

In-Home Respite

The In-Home Respite program is a Home and Community Based Waiver Service (HCBS) certified through the auspices of OPWDD. This service provides short term relief to caregivers who are otherwise responsible for the primary care and support of individuals with developmental disabilities in their own home. This type of respite is a basic, hourly paraprofessional service; In Home Respite staff can provide relief to the caregiver and offer companionship, supervision, basic recreation at the family's home, socialization, and assistance with basic hygiene, etc. An individual in need of respite service will be given a set allotment of hours for use for the program's respite services for the program year that runs from January- December. For more information, contact Brandi Weaver, Respite Coordinator, at 585-957-9243.



Individualized Residential Alternatives



IRAs provide a fully-staffed home environment in the community designed for individuals with special needs. Twenty-four hour on-site supervision and habilitation services are provided by a fully trained staff. An individual plan is developed by the resident, their guardian (if applicable), and their team, which is then implemented to work towards the individual achieving these personal goals. Program activities focus on daily living skills such as recreation, cooking, cleaning, personal hygiene, money management, and community skills. All residents also partake in a school, work or day program alternative outside of the home during the day. In addition, residents may choose to utilize community recreation programs, shopping facilities, religious services, and medical services. **For**

questions or admission information, please contact Kristin Tysiac, Admissions Coordinator, ktysiac@eastersealsny.org or (585) 255-0750.

Residential and Day Special Education School

The Kessler Center is an approved private special education (853) school offering both residential (Children's Residential Project – "CRP") and day placements for students with developmental disabilities.

The Kessler Center is an available option for school districts seeking an out-ofdistrict placement. The Kessler Center has broad expertise working with students across the entire range of developmental disabilities. In addition, The Kessler Center has advanced expertise in Autism Spectrum Disorders and working with children with developmental disabilities who struggle with behavioral challenges. Eligible students will be classified for special education services on the IEP, be between the ages of 5 and 21, be on the New York State Alternative Assessment, and have been unsuccessfully served by in-district and/or BOCES programs. Placement in the 24-hour program can only be made through the school district Committee on Special Education (CSE) process, not



directly by OPWDD or any voluntary agency. Access to the day school program is also made only by CSE. Please contact your school district CSE to make a referral. For general program information, please contact Kristin Tysiac, admissions coordinator, at ktysiac@eastersealsny.org or 585-255-0750; or to speak with a school representative, please contact 585-957-7158.



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