

Children's Home of Wyoming Conference

Foster Care Stabilization Center Fact Sheet

- The Children's Home (CHWC) is a 100+ year old organization providing services to children and families. Our administrative headquarters are based in Binghamton, New York.
- CHWC was awarded a competitive proposal from Monroe County Department of Human Services to open and operate the Foster Care Stabilization Home, modelled on our 30-year history of providing this service in Broome County.
- The Program is licensed and monitored by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in Rochester. Additional monitoring is provided by the Monroe County Department of Human Services.
- The Home will exclusively serve Monroe County youth; eight boys and girls between the ages of 10-17.
- The program will provide a temporary, safe home for children removed from their home or a foster care placement.
- The anticipated length of stay of a child will be 30-45 days. Shorter stays are possible and the maximum length of stay for a child will be 90 days.
- From the Stabilization Center, a child will typically go to live with a parent or relative or move into a traditional foster care placement.
- While at the home, each child will receive a nursing assessment with appropriate medical follow up, in-home counseling services, case management, recreational therapy, educational support and close supervision and support.
- The program is not for youth who have committed a violent offense, or those who are in need of drug and/or alcohol rehabilitation services.
- The Program will be staffed by a Director, Masters Level Therapist, Nursing, Case manager, and Child Care Support Staff.
- The minimum state required ratio is 1 staff for each 3 children during the day. Our actual staff to child ratio will be more concentrated. For 8 children, it would be common to have 3 child support staff plus the director, nurse, and therapist or case manager.

- Overnight hours will have a minimum of two awake night staff.
- The home will be equipped with a fire safety system, camera system and on-call and backup plans.
- All staff will be local to the surrounding area. CHWC has a local regional executive to provide regular monitoring and support to the team.
- Our intention is to create a home-like environment where children can rest, relax and prepare to take the next step in their life. We will welcome prospective foster parents, and family members to meet in an environment conducive to supporting positive youth and adult interaction.
- The house and property located at 1751 Penfield Road is an ideal location to create and operate a Foster Care Stabilization Center.

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