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*...Because every child
deserves a childhood.*





"Of all injuries children suffer, none are as painful as the crushing of their spirit."

- *Dr. David Crenshaw, Retired Clinical Director of Astor Services for Children & Families and member of the Board of Directors*

A Tradition of Excellence...

Astor Services for Children & Families, since 1953, promotes the well-being of children, adolescents and their families through a range of programs that prevent and treat emotional problems and facilitate healthy development. Now serving over 6,000 children and families annually, Astor's current range of services to families in the Mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx include: Residential Treatment, Therapeutic Foster Family Care, Early Childhood Programs, and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services.

Our Mission

To provide behavioral and educational services in a caring environment where children and their families find strength, healing, hope and trust.

Our Vision

To see children meet life's challenges, pursue their dreams and reach their full potential.



About Astor

At Astor, we help bring peace to troubled families. We wrap our arms around children until they and their families gain enough strength to hold themselves together. Many children in our society are born into difficult environments. In some cases, their parents may lack the resources or training to raise them well. In more extreme situations, children suffer from neglect or abuse. In all these cases, Astor is there for them!



Residential Programs

Children in the Residential Programs face emotional, psychological and learning challenges that make it difficult for them to experience the simple everyday pleasures of being a child. For a period of time, Astor becomes their home and part of their extended family. Astor provides intensive treatment for children ages 5 – 12 and their families in an environment of care and respect.

Children who are in residence at the Agency's treatment programs in Rhinebeck, NY are enrolled in the Special Education Program operated by The Astor Learning Center, which was incorporated in 1980 as a state-approved private school for children with emotional problems. In 1988, 1994 and in 2001, The Astor Learning Center was designated as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education.

Hudson Valley and Bronx Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services

When a child experiences emotional or behavioral difficulties at home, in school or in the community, a parent may look to Astor's Community-Based Behavioral Health & Prevention Services in the Hudson Valley and the Bronx for support and assistance. A child's behavioral difficulties, ranging from disruptive to violent, create distress for all family members. Through a variety of specialty programs, our staff helps children, parents, siblings and extended families to cope with the strain and constant worry; and when necessary, they help to address serious issues of sexual and physical abuse, neglect, domestic violence and substance abuse.

Many of the children we assist are at risk of being removed from their homes. Astor develops individualized prevention, education and support to families through our clinics, in their homes, and in school settings.

Early Childhood Programs

As the local grantee for the Federal Early Head Start and Head Start Programs, Astor provides comprehensive child development services to poverty level children and their families. The focus throughout the program is relationship-based, strength-based, and parent inclusive. Through Astor's Early Childhood Program, the Agency has continued its leadership in early childhood education.

Home for Children Foundation

Established in 1990, the Foundation is committed to securing funding for, and communicating the work of Astor Services for Children & Families and the Astor Learning Center. Your gift allows us to do whatever it takes to help children achieve a more stable, healthy life. Astor depends on generous contributions to help rebuild our children's future. While Astor receives a portion of its funding from government sources, this only covers part of Astor's budget. The cost of providing innovative, therapeutic services and care continues to rise and we need your help.