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## *Developmental screenings offered for children and teens*

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RHINEBECK – Evaluating children’s social and emotional development is as important to their overall health as yearly medical and dental checkups. This is why Astor Services for Children & Families will offer free screenings for children and teens at the 2013 Dutchess County Fair.

Astor Early Recognition Specialist Brenda Tracy-Maietta will conduct the screenings at Astor’s booth at the fair Tuesday through Friday from 10 AM to 4:30 PM. The booth will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 AM to 10 PM, when information on all of Astor’s programs will be available.

“These screenings are the first step in the recognition of emotional and developmental issues that can affect children,” Tracy-Maietta said. “This free and confidential process was created to identify the emotional and social needs of children and address them in a timely manner so as not to compromise their scholastic performance and emotional development.”

Parents will be informed of the results of the screenings by a confidential letter, and referral services will be offered for children in need of further attention.

For more information, contact Astor at 845-871-1117 or visit the organization’s website at [www.astorservices.org](http://www.astorservices.org).

### ABOUT ASTOR

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Since 1953, Astor Services for Children & Families (formerly The Astor Home for Children) has been providing behavioral and educational services in a caring environment where children and their families find strength, healing, hope and trust. Now serving more than 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. For more information about Astor Services for Children & Families, visit the agency’s website at [www.astorservices.org](http://www.astorservices.org) or call (845) 871-1117.

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