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Astor to offer Developmental Screenings for Children at the Fair

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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 2014 Dutchess County Fair.

Astor Early Recognition Specialist, Brenda Tracy-Maietta, will conduct the screenings at Astor’s booth at the fair Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM and Mary Nichols, PsyD., will conduct the screenings on Sunday, 11 AM to 3 PM. The booth will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 AM to 10 PM. 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.

ABOUT ASTOR

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 in over 33 locations, Astor’s current range of services in the Hudson Valley (Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties) and the Bronx include: Residential Programs (for children ages 5 - 14 who have severe behavioral and mental health challenges); Early Childhood Programs (in Dutchess County, Astor operates The Early Head Start and Head Start programs, which are federal early childhood programs for low-income families); and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services (outpatient mental health services).

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