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**IN SUPPORT OF YOUTH HOME CARE INITIATIVE**

*Effort Involves Launch of Child Adolescent Needs and Strengths–NY (CANS–NY)  
Training & Technical Assistance Institute*

**RHINEBECK AND THE BRONX, NY, February 8, 2018** – Astor Services for Children & Families, which provides behavioral and educational services for thousands of children and their families throughout the Bronx and mid-Hudson Valley, has been named as a member of the CANS-NY Training & Technical Assistance Institute (the Institute), a newly launched initiative of the New York State Department of Health.

As one of four private member organizations of the Institute, including The Collaborative for Children & Families, Hillside Family of Agencies, and Northern Rivers (Parsons Child & Family Center)/SATRI, Astor provides learning programs, coaching and training for treatment planning and monitoring through the Health Home Serving Children (HHSC), a care management program for eligible children.

In addition, the Institute is using data analytics to guide the use of CANS-NY, a tool used to address the mental health of children, adolescents and their families through Health Home care management. The Institute is also seeking other collaborative relationships and will conduct a Learning Needs Survey to identify areas of need within CANS-NY.

“With the launch of the CANS-NY Training & Technical Assistance Institute, eligible children will benefit from an enhanced focus on provider training and other support initiatives,” said Dr. Mary Nichols, Astor Services for Children & Families’ Director of Clinical Outcomes, CANS & TCOM. “Making a difference in the care of children coping with emotional and behavioral issues is at the center of what Astor does and being a part of this important, joint effort allows us to expand on that.”



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**About Astor Services for Children & Families**

*Astor Services for Children & Families, as it has 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 more than 10,000 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 additional information please visit <http://astorservices.org/> or call (845) 871-1117.*

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*Editor's note: Attached is photo of Mary Nichols.*