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ASTOR SERVICES EXPANDS REACH, ADDS MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW YORK'S SULLIVAN AND ROCKLAND COUNTIES

New Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) Created in Rockland County and Counseling and School-Based Programs Now Available in Sullivan County

HUDSON VALLEY, NY, June 14, 2023 – In an effort to meet the increasing mental health needs in communities across New York State, <u>Astor Services</u> recently announced an expansion into Rockland and Sullivan counties. The nonprofit organization, which has a 70-year footprint in the Hudson Valley and the Bronx, has opened an Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) in Rockland County, and numerous counseling centers and school-based programs throughout Sullivan County. This news comes on the heels of Astor Services adding an Adult Care Management program early last year for Dutchess, Ulster and Orange County residents.

"Astor Services continuously assesses the needs of the communities we serve and remains committed to ensuring the spectrum of services we provide responds directly to those needs in a way that further strengthens families and communities," said Yvette Bairan, CEO of Astor Services.

About the Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP)

Astor Services received start-up funds from the New York State Office of Mental Health and Crisis & Hospital Diversion Programming to create the new PHP in Rockland County at the BOCES site at 131 N Midland Ave, Nyack, New York (at BOCES BERC Campus). The program is modeled after Astor's existing PHP in Poughkeepsie, New York, which provides short-term intensive therapeutic treatment to youth 11 – 18 years old who are struggling at home, at school or in the community. The programs primarily use an evidence-based treatment model, Dialectic Behavioral Therapy (DBT), which has been shown to be effective for people of all ages.

The PHP can support a youth and their family at any point in their mental health and/or substance use treatment, whether it is their first time participating in services or they are transitioning from another program. The program helps youth learn to safely manage their emotions to prevent out-of-home placement to psychiatric hospitals and other residential programs.

About the Counseling Centers and School-based Programs

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In Sullivan County, Astor will be opening a counseling center at the Family Services building in Liberty this summer. In addition, Astor is in conversations with the school districts throughout Sullivan County about school-based behavioral health services.

To learn more about any of these services, or to access support, email hudsonValleyReferrals@astorservices.org.

About Astor Services

For 70 years, since 1953, Astor Services provides essential supports, tools and high quality, comprehensive behavioral health, and educational services to engage, empower and strengthen children, adults and families in all communities. Astor serves more than 9,000 children and families annually in more than 70 locations in the Hudson Valley and the Bronx. Our services reach children and families living at or below the poverty line. Astor's range of services include: Early Childhood Programs and Community-Based Behavioral Health and Prevention Services. To learn more about Astor's programs and services, visit, www.astorservices.org.

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