



Residential Services - Specialized

Hillside Children's Center Varick Campus and Snell Farm Children's Center

Specialized Services at Hillside Children's Center Varick Campus and Snell Farm Children's Center is a collaborative, trauma informed approach to residential treatment for youth who have engaged in sexual harm.

ABOUT THE SERVICE

Specialized Services provide highly intensified, residential group care for male youth. Snell Farm Children's Center serves male youth ages 10 to 21 and Hillside's Varick Campus serves youth ages 10-18. Residents in the program are both non-adjudicated and court adjudicated for having caused sexual harm. They are considered hard-to-place youth and are determined to be at moderate to severe risk of causing sexual harm. Risk will be determined upon examination of offense history, history of aggressive acts (including fire setting, animal abuse, property destruction, and violence towards others), AWOL history, previous response to treatment, and overall risk to the community.

Sexually inappropriate/harmful behaviors in adolescents are often a traumatic response to severe life circumstances, such as abuse, neglect, domestic violence, mental illness, and/or family substance abuse. With developmentally appropriate interventions, these youth can overcome trauma, develop new skills, and heal relationships. The Specialized Services at Varick are youth driven and family focused. Most youth have significant trauma histories that have led to unhealthy sexual behaviors and/or sexually inappropriate/harmful behaviors. In addition, Specialized Services at Varick has the ability to serve youth with Autism Spectrum Disorders who have exhibited this type of behavior.

The service is provided at the Varick Campus in Romulus, NY and on the Snell Farm campus in Bath, NY. The service in Romulus has one unit for younger children who have not necessarily caused sexual harm but who have exhibited sexual behavior problems. In addition, the Snell Farm Campus serves youth with developmental disabilities who have exhibited this type of behavior.

The mission of Specialized Care Services is to provide exceptional services based upon best practice and evidence-based research dedicated to:

- Stopping sexually harmful behavior
- Healing and strengthening the lives of children and families
- Creating safer communities for everyone

The treatment process focuses on providing a warm and safe environment that is strength based, family focused, relationship based, trauma sensitive, nonjudgmental, and culturally competent.

Youth progress through the treatment process at their own pace.

Education Services: Hillside Campus Schools, approved by the New York State Education Department, provide therapeutic education service for our students. Guided by each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP), daily instruction is designed to maximize each student's ability to learn academically and socially. Working collaboratively with families and youth, the goal is to help students to improve their academic achievement and emotional coping skills so that they can return to their school district.

Schools situated on our residential campuses as well as our Day Treatment Centers generally provide special education services in classrooms with a 6:1:1 ratio of students to staff. Classrooms may be self-contained or departmentalized, by subject area, in order to meet the educational needs of students. All coursework must meet New York State standards. In addition to English, social studies, science and mathematics, physical education and the arts make up the core instructional program. In addition, students have access to school guidance counseling and a school psychologist for testing and educational planning and recommendations. Clinical services are also provided. Speech/Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy are available as related services for those students who have been identified to receive these services by the Committee on Special Education (CSE). The education staff collaborates with the students' home school district throughout placement and in preparation for transition.

Health Care Services: Health care staff includes a full range of highly trained personnel who can attend to most medical and psychiatric needs experienced by youth in Residential Treatment. Our licensed clinical professionals include Registered Dietitians, Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Psychiatric and Pediatric Nurse Practitioners, Pediatricians and Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists. These individuals work collaboratively with program staff to ensure high quality health care is provided; and maintain strong relationships with local hospitals and medical providers to provide higher levels of specialty medical and psychiatric care, as well as emergency care. All children in residential care will have access to health care services 24 hours a day.

To make a referral or for additional information, please call Service Integration at 315-585-3356.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Hillside Family of Agencies

585-256-7500

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24 hours / day

FACILITY

Snell Farm

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Varick
4887 State Route 96A, Romulus

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Gender: Male
Age Range: 10 - 21
IQ: 60 -

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