

What you should know about .....

## The Early Recognition, Coordination and Screening Initiative

The **Early Recognition, Coordination and Screening Initiative** cultivates *cooperative relationships* with local primary care practices, schools and other community-based programs, to promote early identification through social emotional developmental screening and linkages to services.

Thirty-seven providers throughout NYS receive funds from the NYS Office of Mental Health to support a full time early recognition specialist.

This initiative also includes an important component on implementing stigma reduction and social marketing activities in schools and throughout the community.

## What does the Early Recognition, Coordination and Screening Initiative offer?

- ◇ Screening: with parental consent, a free and confidential social and emotional screening to check that children are on the right track for healthy development. Screenings may take place in a school, health center or other locations in the community
- ◇ After the screening responses are evaluated, families of children who are identified as needing support are given referral information to agencies that can provide further assessment and treatment
- ◇ Educational presentations and programming to promote social emotional wellness and combat stigma

## For more information about an ERS Program in your area contact:

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*"Children and families are suffering because of missed opportunities for prevention and early identification, fragmented services, and low priorities for resources. Overriding these problems is the issue of stigma, which continues to surround mental illness."*

Report of the Surgeon General's Conference on  
Children's Mental Health A National Agenda (2000).  
Washington, DC: Department of Human Services

## ERS Programs

Central Region
Arise Child & Family Services Inc. ~ Jennifer Wolf-Pruner ~ 315-671-3090
Cayuga Counseling Services – Mike Gabally/Pamela Budnikas 315-253-9795 135
Chenango Co Community M Hygiene Services ~ Paula Carhart – 607-337-1903
North Star Behavioral Health ~ Donna Studlack ~ 518-483-3261x2234
St. Regis Mohawk Health Center ~ Christine Venerly(518)358-3141x160
Cortland County Department of Mental Health with Family Counseling Services ~ Sue Marks – 607-753-0234 ext.116
St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center Children and Youth Mental Health OP ~ Peter Reap 315-703-2647
The Neighborhood Center, Inc. ~ Melissa Roys ~ (315) 272-2700
United Cerebral Palsy – Terri Mahoney ~ (315) 797-4080 x281
Hudson River Region
Astor Services for Children & Families ~ Michele Conner/Cherie Gonzalez 845-452-6077 x114
Family Services of Westchester, Inc. ~ Sebastian Bliffeld – 914-708-7231
Greene County Mental Health ~ Deborah Johnson – 518-622-9163 x183
The Guidance Center of Westchester ~ Iva Jenkins ~ 914-636-4440 x250
ANDRUS ~ Danni Lapin – 914-965-1109 x2416/Cherie Gonzalez 914-965-1109 ext. 2446
Northeast Parent & Child Society, Inc. – Lisa Carll – 518-381-8911 ext. 2132
Parsons Child and Family Center ~ Lisa Brate ~ 518-431-1682
Putman Family & Community Services, Inc. ~ Natalia Sanchez-Bahr ~ 845-225-3207 Ext. 110
Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. ~ Marisol Tapia– 914-376-8174 or 914-423- 4433
Long Island Region
Family Service League ~ Donna Altonji ~ 631 924-3741 ext. 7300
Pederson-Krag Center – Max Banlivey/ Sheila McPherson – 631-920-8073
New York City Region
Association To Benefit Children (ABC) ~ Marie Nguyen ~ 212-845-3863/Aurora Cruz ~ 646-459-6163
Astor Services for Children & Families ~ Yudelka Rodriguez – 646-796-8654
Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services ~ Martha Dominguez- (718)881-7600 ext. 514393
Interborough Development & Consultation Center ~ Joanne Siegel- Ana Dipres-Reyes-718-778-0485
Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services ~ Janet Abed ~ 718-676-4310
Mental Health Providers of Western Queens, Inc. ~ Laia Clotet Vila- (718) 779-2263.
Staten Island Mental Health Society, Inc. ~ Janet DiFortuna/Vickie Gambale – 718-442-2225
Mt. Sinai St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital Center ~ Bonnie Siegel Weisenberg/Roger Manzanarez – 212-523-3077
The Children's Aid Society ~ Rosa Bautista/Abby Polanco 718-710-2487
Western Region
Cattaraugus County Dept. of Community Services ~ Amy Lafler ~ 716-701-3323
Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene ~ Rachel Mesmer /Victoria Patti 716-753-4519
Child & Adolescent Treatment Services ~ Sheila S. Korman/ Megan Dudziak 716-819-3420 ext. 131
Mid-Erie Counseling & Treatment Services ~ Dawn M. Skowronski/Vanessa Jones – 716-895-6700
Family Services of Chemung County, Inc. ~ Marilyn Cristofaro ~ 607-733-5696
Mental Health Services of Erie County/Spectrum Human Services.- Margaret Root-716-539-5437
University of Rochester/ Strong Behavioral Health ~ Linda Alpert-Gillis ~ 585-275-3610
Seneca County Community Counseling Center w/ Tompkins County ~ Jaydn McCune – 607-257-1551 ext. 385 /Sally Manning ~ 607-793-1658
Wayne Behavioral Health Network – Suzanne Catholdi – 315-946-5722 ext. 3317