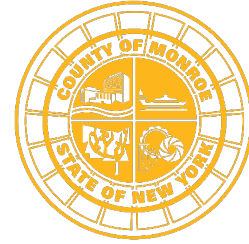




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MONROE COUNTY OPENS FOSTER CARE STABILIZATION CENTER IN PENFIELD

The center will provide temporary housing and support services to Monroe County foster care eligible youth ages 10-17 years old

PENFIELD, NY — Monroe County’s new Foster Care Stabilization Center opened today providing support services to youth ages 10 to 17 years old who have struggled to succeed in traditional foster homes. The center, located at 1751 Penfield Road, accommodates up to eight children.

“No child should be left without a home. This Foster Care Stabilization Center will provide a safe space and short-term support services to help stabilize a youth’s behavior to better ensure a successful foster care placement,” **said Monroe County Executive Adam Bello.**

“Thank you to our Department of Human Services, the town of Penfield and Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference for bringing this much needed service to Monroe County and putting the needs of our at-risk children first.”

The Monroe County Department of Human Services (DHS) selected Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference to run this new county-wide program. Children’s Home will provide a variety of services (medical, behavioral, educational) to support youth and assist in stabilizing their behavior. The program is licensed and monitored by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in Rochester and additional monitoring is provided by the Monroe County DHS.

Children’s Home philosophy emphasizes the importance of permanency—keeping children connected to their families and communities. They will also work with Monroe County DHS on locating appropriate long-term placements as needed.

“We are proud to join the Monroe County system of care supporting children and families in the foster care system,” **said George Dermody, President and CEO of Children’s Home of Wyoming Conference.** “The Foster Care Stabilization Center will allow children to remain in the community and stay connected to supportive adults, caring educators, and therapeutic service provides to maximize each young person’s potential. A key aspect of our mission is to inspire hope and help families develop positive futures. This program is an embodiment our mission and Monroe County’s commitment to supporting children and families.”

About Children’s Home:

With more than 100 years of experience in the Human Services field and 35 years of providing stabilization services, Children’s Home is committed to improving the overall quality of life for all clients and providing related services. Their mission is to partner with children, families, and communities to inspire hope, develop skills, and cultivate healthy relationships for positive futures. Children’s Home

(CHWC) provides an array of family and child serving programs throughout New York State, serving 800 youth and families annually, and employs more than 600 individuals. For more information visit the Children's Home website at www.chowc.org.

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