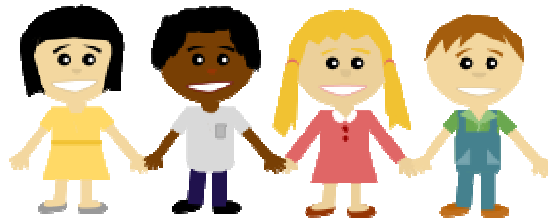


Columbia County Single Point of Access (SPOA)
for
Children's Care Coordination, Respite, Residential, and
Children & Family Treatment and Support Services
(all applicants must be residents of Columbia County)



The Single Point of Access (SPOA) process brings representatives from important county service providers together with families to provide support and assistance to families with children in distress. The primary goals of SPOA is to 1) maintain children in the community and reduce out of home placement, 2) help transition children in placement back into the community and 3) increase access to community resources. These goals are accomplished by connecting children and their families to mental health resources, care coordination services, parent advocates, and social service prevention programs, to name a few.

Children's Services include:

Care Coordination (CC) is a direct resource for a child and family. An individual Care Coordinator can provide services in the home, community and/or school. The goals of Care Coordination are to strengthen and empower children and families so they can live safe and productive lives. The Care Coordinator partners with the child and their family as relationships and life skills are strengthened, personal support systems developed and community resources identified.

Care Coordination services include ongoing assessment of the child and family's strengths and challenges, development of a child focused, goal oriented service plan, linkage of the child and family to services and community supports to meet their individual needs and monitoring the effectiveness of services as they relate to the child and family's identified goals.

Respite services provide a needed break for the family and the child to ease the stress at home and improve family harmony

Residential services offer a supervised residential setting for children requiring stabilization or those for whom stabilization in an alternate setting may be effective.

Children & Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS) are designed to be delivered in the home and other natural community-based settings where children/youth and their families live. This array of services includes: Other Licensed Practitioner, Crisis Intervention, Community Psychiatric Supports & Treatment, Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services, Family Peer Support Services, and Youth Peer Advocacy and Training.

The SPOA process is voluntary. Each family should be fully aware of all information being disclosed. We encourage each family to fully participate in the assessment process for their child by agreeing to participate in the level of care meeting where the family will meet with case management programs in the county and assist in identifying one appropriate to your needs.

Completed Applications are to be submitted to:

Natasha Robinson, Coordinator
Children's Single Point of Access
Department of Human Services
325 Columbia Street
Hudson, New York 12534

Please contact Natasha Robinson, Coordinator at (518) 828-9446 ext 1280 (or Natasha.Robinson@columbiacountyny.com) to discuss any questions or situations pertaining to a C-SPOA application.