



St. Catherine's Center for Children

St. Catherine's Center for Children provides a comprehensive range of human services designed to offer hope, foster growth, and improve the lives of the children and families we serve.

Agency Services

- Residential Program
- Therapeutic Foster Care
- Day Treatment/Special Education
- Homeless Family Services
- Community Based Service Programs

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Hope for Tomorrow

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What is Project HOST?

Project HOST (Healthy Outcomes and Supported Transitions), funded through the NYS Department of Health as a two-year pilot program, combines affordable housing with tenancy supports and housing-based case management to help people who face the most complex challenges to live with stability, autonomy, and dignity. The primary goal of **Project HOST** is to improve health, improve care, and reduce health care costs for people who experience homelessness and housing instability in Albany and Rensselaer Counties.

Program Eligibility

- Health Home/Medicaid Eligible
- Health Status (SPMI,HIV, 2 or more chronic conditions
- Housing Status: Homeless/ in Shelter/ Unstably housed defined as: a persons living situation is contributing to recent high utilization of emergency services
- Recent frequent users of emergency services (past 6 months)
- Vulnerability Index Score

How Are Referrals Made?

Care Coordinators and Housing Providers can complete a **Project HOST** application

and submit to Daniel Dykes at (518) 378-5605, or email: ddykes@st-cath.org.

Program Services

- **Housing Case Management**
 - ⇒ Service Plan Development
 - ⇒ Coordinating care with Care Managers
 - ⇒ Coordination with hospitals/emergency departments
 - ⇒ Transportation to appointments
 - ⇒ Entitlement Assistance
 - ⇒ Support Groups
 - ⇒ Supported Employment Services
 - ⇒ Continuous Outreach and Engagement
- **Tenancy Supports which include:**
 - ⇒ Outreach and Engagement
 - ⇒ Housing Search Assistance
 - ⇒ Completing Housing Applications
 - ⇒ Acquiring furnishings
 - ⇒ Tenancy rights and responsibilities
 - ⇒ Landlord relationships
 - ⇒ Entitlements
- **Eviction Prevention which include:**
 - ⇒ Paying rent on time
 - ⇒ Conflict resolution
- **Rental Subsidy**



Important Program Facts

- Referrals are pre-screened through the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Assistance Tool (VI-SPAT). Developed by OrgCode, this pre-screening triage tool will quickly determine the chronicity and medical vulnerability of potential consumers referred. The score of the VI-SPAT will prioritize referrals on the acuity of their needs.
- Case Management is housing based.
- Case Managers are trained in Motivational Interviewing.
- Case Managers use the evidence-based Critical Time Intervention.
- Case Managers have a small caseload and work closely with Care Managers to create a team of support.
- Our Employment Specialists utilizes the evidence-based Supported Employment model to assist tenants in securing and maintaining gainful employment.

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