



Community Residence

Miriam House – Safe and sound under our roof

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These services are provided by Northern Rivers Family of Services and member agencies.

Northern Rivers' community residence, Miriam House, is located on the Academy Road campus in Albany and licensed by the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH). Miriam House serves eight youth ages 12 to 17 who have a diagnosed mental health disorder and require out-of-home care, but do not require placement in a Residential Treatment Facility.

The facility also offers one short-term (up to 2 weeks) respite stay for youth not in psychiatric crisis who are in need of a break from their current living environment.

Treatment is provided with the goal of assisting youth in development of social and life skills to return to family or to live independently.

*Northern Rivers provides programming and support
24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.*

Services

- Housing located in a residential neighborhood campus setting with on-site medical care and supervision and support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Treatment planning strongly influenced by each youth, family, and involved external service providers
- Case management and transportation support
- Services provided under a trauma-informed care model
- Focus on skill-building
- Assessments to monitor progress

Benefits

- Improved functioning and engagement at home, at school, and in the community
- Increased linkage to available community services
- Strengthened relationships with family
- Focus on independence/graduation to less restrictive level of care
- Aftercare planning

How to Get Started

Youth from Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren, and Washington counties may be referred by the county's single point of access (SPOA) team.