



### Innovative Programming

The Home has been a leader in developing innovative programs for underserved populations. For example, at the time of its formation, our Waltham House program was only the third group home in the country for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) youth. Roxbury Village and Somerville Village are unique programs designed specifically for young people leaving state care and transitioning to adulthood.

### A Voice for Children

The Home has been in the forefront of influencing policy and legislation and developing services that help children and families at risk. As co-founder and co-chair of the Children’s League of Massachusetts Transitional Age Youth Coalition, The Home has worked to help young adults without skills and community supports meet the challenges of pursuing higher education, work and life.

We continuously measure the impact of our work to develop and enhance our programs. We never give up on children — and we don’t let children give up on themselves. Our commitment to advocacy furthers our goal of being a strong voice for all children and families, not just the ones we serve directly.

**The Home’s mission** is to ensure the healthy behavioral, emotional, social and educational development and physical well-being of children and families living in at-risk circumstances.



Serving children and youth from birth to 22, The Home makes a positive impact on over 12,000 lives each year through a wide network of programs including behavioral health, therapeutic residential and special education, adoption and foster care. In addition, a number of innovative programs provide specialized assistance to youth transitioning to adulthood from state systems of care.

The Home’s “open door” structure allows children, families and young adults to access our network of services at any given point in the continuum, based on their needs. Primary service areas include: individual, group and family therapy; psychological and neuro-psychological testing; medication management; child and family skills development; therapeutic mentoring; birth parent counseling; life skills training; community connection and integration; behavioral stabilization; educational preparation; and social, vocational and daily living supports.



The Home for Little Wanderers provides a seamless continuum of vital programs and services for every stage of child and family development. For more than 215 years we’ve earned a reputation for doing whatever it takes to strengthen vulnerable families and keep children safe in their own communities, even when they don’t have family support.

We provide services in eight different languages and in multiple venues throughout Eastern Massachusetts, including in schools, clinics and homes. Our dedicated staff of over 600 includes licensed clinicians and direct care counselors, psychiatrists, psychologists, and teachers.

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OUR NETWORK OF  
**SERVICES**





## The Home in the Community

Children of all ages and their families have access to a wide array of behavioral health support services offered in communities throughout Eastern Massachusetts. These include: early childhood mental health services; school-based counseling; individual, group and family therapy; parenting and daily living skills education; in-home therapy and mentoring; and pre-school teacher training.

- **Adoption & Comprehensive Foster Care**
- **Child and Family Counseling Center**
- **Preschool Outreach Program**
- **Center For Early Childhood**
- **Safe at Home**
- **Therapeutic After School Program**
- **Boston-Suffolk County Family Resource Center**

### Children's Community Support Collaborative (CCSC)

is a comprehensive system of care for children with a diagnosis of severe emotional disturbance or serious mental illness. It comprises an array of community-based services that are designed to maintain youth within their homes and support families as the primary caregivers.

For youth who cannot be maintained safely at home, CCSC offers long- and short-term out-of-home treatment in group homes.

## Therapeutic Residential and Educational Services

Therapeutic residences provide family-driven and youth-guided services to adolescents, including Residential Educational Placements, Intensive Group Home (IGH) and Respite Care. Services are strength-based, culturally and linguistically competent, and grounded in evidence-based practices such as Trauma Informed Care, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Therapeutic Crisis Intervention.

The Home operates two private schools for academically and emotionally challenged youth. The schools offer highly structured therapeutic behavior support systems, have small class sizes, a high staff-to student ratio and support that is tailored to each student's needs and treatment plan.

### The Home at Walpole *Walpole*

*Residences: All gender ages 12-18*

*School: All gender ages 12 to 18*

### Southeast Campus *Plymouth*

*Residences and school: All genders ages 10 to 18*



## Case Management and Wraparound Services

The Home serves in a coordination capacity for two family-focused programs in Boston. Providing a single point of entry for all services, the programs place the family at the center of the planning process and builds a team around the family's vision for their child's future.



## Group Homes

Children and adolescents transitioning back to their families, progressing to less restrictive environments or preparing to live independently, frequently need support to make a successful move. The Home operates four group homes providing individualized treatment and services to the youth and their families.

### Harrington House *Dorchester*

*Co-ed ages 8 to 14*

### Roxbury House *Roxbury*

*Co-ed ages 14 to 18*

### Waltham House *Waltham*

*Co-ed GLBTQ youth ages 14 to 18*

## Transitional Programs

Over the past two decades, The Home has taken an increasingly active role in supporting transitional age youth, or young adults ages 18-22 who are transitioning out of state systems of care. By working in collaboration with the Department of Children & Families, the Department of Mental Health, and other community partners, our staff has developed two age appropriate programs tailored to provide specific support and resources to youth moving into adulthood.

**Roxbury Village**, located in Roxbury, MA, is a transitional housing program that serves young adults aged 18 -22. The goal is to provide stable housing and the supports needed to help young adults achieve self-sufficiency.

**Somerville Village**, located in Somerville, MA is an innovative program designed to provide the supports needed by young women that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness to pursue post-secondary education.

Through its transitional age youth programming, The Home strives to provide necessary resources and support so young adults can focus on furthering their educational and vocational goals and preparing themselves for meaningful lives.

**Community Service Agencies**, serving Hyde Park, Dorchester and South Boston, help youth with serious emotional disturbance (SED) who are enrolled in MassHealth Standard or CommonHealth and meet certain medical criteria. This program is part of the Massachusetts Children's Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI).

**Family Networks (Park Street Area Lead)** partners with Park Street Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide support to children and families. The program works only with clients referred from DCF, acting as a single point of entry for all contracted services identified in the DCF service plan.