

The Bridges to Health (B2H) program serves children with special needs in foster care by providing an array of services to both the children and their families in order to keep them in the home and connected to the community.

Bridges to Health

Committed to Keeping Foster Care Youth with Special Needs at Home and in the Community

Bridges to Health (B2H) Offers Many Unique Features

- Provides an array of individualized services that reduce the need for residential treatment and hospitalization of children with a serious emotional disturbance, developmental disability or medical fragility.
- Allows families and children to select those services that they feel best meet their needs.
- Supports families to increase the likelihood of successful outcomes for children.
- Keeps children in the community with their foster/adoptive/birth families.
- Delivers a variety of services relying heavily on consumer input to ensure client satisfaction.
- Provides an Emergency Response hotline that is open 24/7. Staff is also available to come to the home at any time if needed.

Is B2H Right for You?

In order to be eligible to apply for B2H, your child must meet the following criteria:

- Lives in a foster home or group facility of 12 beds or less
- Diagnosed as Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) and under 19 years old or
- Diagnosed as Developmentally Disabled (DD) and under 21 years old or
- Diagnosed as Medically Fragile (Med-F) and under 21 years old
- At-risk of hospitalization or placement in residential care
- Could be cared for in the community if provided access to B2H services

B2H services are initiated when a child is in foster care, but services can continue if the child is adopted or reunified with the birth family. Consent of the family is required.

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How Does B2H Work?

You and your child will work with an SCO Health Care Integrator (HCI), a dedicated social worker with expertise in the services provided by Bridges to Health. Your HCI will help you choose the services and service providers that are right for you. SCO Health Care Integrators never work with more than six children at a time, ensuring personal attention for you and your child.

Other services available include:

- Family/Caregiver Supports and Services
- Skill Building
- Day Habilitation
- Special Needs Community Advocacy and Support
- Prevocational Services
- Supported Employment
- Planned and Crisis Respite
- Crisis Services (Immediate Crisis Response; Crisis Avoidance, Management and Training)
- Intensive In-Home Supports
- Adaptive and Assistive Equipment
- Accessibility Modifications

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Why Choose SCO Family of Services?

Compassion: SCO has a history of welcoming those with the most challenging circumstances.

Experience: Over the past five years, SCO has served over 750 children and families through our New York City and Long Island Bridges to Health program.

Vital: SCO has a deep commitment to keeping children with families in the community.

Responsive: SCO has been providing a broad continuum of services for people with developmental disabilities and people with mental health issues for more than 30 years.

Trusted: SCO is a leading provider of social services because of our expertise, compassion and quality of care.

History: SCO has been providing unconditional care for children and families in New York City and Long Island for over 100 years.



SCO Family of Services

SCO Family of Services helps vulnerable New Yorkers build a strong foundation for the future. We get young children off to a good start, launch youth into adulthood, stabilize and strengthen families and unlock potential for children and adults with special needs. We enable New Yorkers to meet life's challenges with support, care and acceptance. SCO has played a vital role delivering human services in communities throughout New York City and Long Island for more than 100 years.

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