

Lori Favata

Chief Officer Coordinated Care & Community Solutions 518.527.4447 Lori.Favata@nrfs.org

Mary Purdy, LMHC, LMFT Senior Program Director Prevention & Juvenile Justice 518.426.2652 Mary.Purdy@nrfs.org

Afterschool Programs support to stay safe at home

Northern Rivers' Advantage Program and Afterschool Prevocational Training (APT) Program provide prevocational preparation and career exploration opportunities in a therapeutic afterschool setting for youth ages 12–19+ who may be at risk or who may be experiencing social, emotional, or behavioral challenges. Training is provided by agency staff with experience in special education and expertise in their area of instruction. Program staff work closely with participants' parents and primary service providers.

Available Services

- Prevocational preparation and career exploration opportunities placing equal emphasis on the acquisition of hands-on skills and appropriate work-setting behaviors
- Instruction offered in computer skills and repair, food services, auto mechanics, audio recording technology, multioccupations, and job readiness
- Supervised off-site job placements are available to eligible participants
- · Participants earn a monthly training allowance based on their attendance and performance
- Opportunity for recreational and creative arts activities
- Transportation is available to the city of Albany and other outlying areas: youth are picked up at their respective schools or homes and are returned home each day after the end of the program

Benefits

- Provides a supervised, structured environment for participant during afterschool
- Fosters positive social skills development through group activity
- Facilitates participant development of appropriate relationships with peers and caring adults

Getting Started

Services are available to youth from the City of Albany and surrounding area, ages 12-19, who may be at risk for or who display social, emotional, or behavioral challenges. Call 518.426.2772 for referral or information. Youth may be referred to the program by their parent, case manager, care coordinator, probation, school district, private therapist, or other service provider.

Located on Northern Rivers' Academy Road campus, the programs run yearround, Monday through Friday, during the school calendar year and on specified weekdays over the summer, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

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

