

OUR HISTORY

1852

- Established as The Cayuga Asylum for Destitute Children; first location James Street in Auburn.

1857

- The Board of Trustees erected a building on Owasco Street in Auburn "to accommodate the destitute children who are now and who may at all times hereafter be committed to our care."

1913

- First reference to the name Cayuga Home For Children.

1954

- The Board of Trustees refocused the mission to serve youth in the Family Court System, and adopted the then-new "cottage model" of treatment, moving to Hamilton Avenue.

1955

- May Cottage opened. Emerson and Cowen Cottages dedicated in 1962.

1991

- Intensive Family Preservation Program began, initiating other Family Resiliency programs.

1994

- Weekend Respite for persons with developmental disabilities opened.

1999

- Seneca County Prevention and Reunification Program started.

2000

- Functional Family Therapy began; we became the first certified FFT site in NYS.

2002

- Opened Multi-Dimensional Treatment Foster Care—an evidence-based intervention—in Central New York.

2003

- Administered Multi-Dimensional Treatment Foster Care in the Bronx; we assumed full operation of the program in 2005.

2004

- FFT expanded to Monroe and Ontario Counties.

2005

- Multisystemic Therapy (MST) began, making us the only agency in the nation offering three evidence-based treatment programs.

2005—2010

- Programs and services expanded into Ontario, Oswego, Utica, Oneida and Onondaga locations.

2011

- Changed our name to Cayuga Centers.
- Opened Monroe Youth and Family Center.
- Expanded services and opened a new facility in Bronx County.

2012

- Opened MST and FFT programs in Oneida County.

2013

- Named the Non-Profit of the Year by Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce.
- In partnership with New York University Child Center, we began using Trauma Systems Therapy as another research-informed treatment model.
- Expanded Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC) in Onondaga County, and opened new satellite offices in Oswego and Utica.

2014

- Awarded \$15 million federal grant to open 300 foster care beds in the Bronx and New York City metro area for unaccompanied immigrant children.
- Developed a Residential Enrichment Program in May Cottage to provide an alternative for young women previously being sent to limited security facilities.

2015

- Again doubled the Medicaid Service Coordination program to serve over 1,000 individuals.
- Opened two additional sites in Harlem to serve the unaccompanied children program.
- Awarded a contract by ChildNet, Inc. to develop 48 enhanced foster care beds in Palm Beach County, Florida.

2016

- Awarded a contract to develop 12 Treatment Foster Care beds in Delaware.
- Restructured the Executive Team to provide additional resources and support agency growth.
- Awarded a federal grant to add 96 transitional foster care beds to the unaccompanied children program, bringing it to 396.
- Initiated a Capital Campaign to purchase two buildings, increasing operating space and expanding capacity of the Weekday Respite Program.
- Honored President & CEO Edward Myers Hayes and the late Frederick N. Richardson, Board of Trustees Chairperson, in a celebration dinner kicking off the Capital Campaign.
- Dedicated the Edward Myers Hayes Administration Building, and the Frederick N. Richardson Center to recognize their combined 50 years of leadership.

2017

- Occupied office space in the recently purchased Kearney Avenue, Auburn building.
- Expanded the unaccompanied children transitional foster care program and added 12 long-term foster care beds.
- Celebrated 165 years of serving children, families and individuals.
- Expanded Treatment Family Foster Care program in NYC.