



cayuga centers 

**170 YEARS**  
[ Paving New Ways ]



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"What we do tomorrow is more important than what we did yesterday."

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- Pankaj Patel

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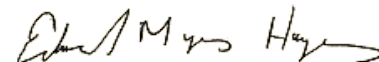
Thank you for being part of Cayuga Centers' Celebration of 170 Years of Paving New Ways in Serving Families.

This anniversary year is a time to express the gratitude we feel:

- To the **children, families and individuals** who have allowed us into their lives - giving us the privilege of serving them.
- To **our staff, our foster parents, our Board, and our supporters**, who have been on this path with us since 1852, for their inspired and tenacious service without excuses. Their work is Cayuga Centers.
- To **our funders and our referral sources** who have trusted us to serve well and to make a difference.
- And to the **sponsors of our 170th Anniversary Celebration** whose generosity has made this year of celebration possible.

We thank you for your part in our journey and ask you to hold hands with us as we continue to grow and to adapt and to serve faithfully.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edward Myers Hayes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Edward" being the most prominent.

Edward Myers Hayes  
Cayuga Centers President  
and Chief Executive Officer



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1852

The *Cayuga Asylum for Destitute Children* was founded by the efforts of a few charitable ladies located on James Street in Auburn, NY. It was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature the same year.

1855

Outgrowing the original orphanage home on James Street, the agency moved to Owasco Street between Walnut and Bradford Streets in Auburn, NY, and began referring to itself as *Cayuga Home for Children*.

1913

The organization's name was legally changed from *Cayuga Asylum for Destitute Children* to the *Cayuga Home for Children*.

1919

Two new programs were established:

**Care of Babies**  
Devoted to the temporary care of babies.

**After Care**  
Devoted to keeping in touch with the boys and girls after they leave the institution.

1954

The Board bought the C.G. Meaker property on Hamilton Avenue for \$21,000.

1991

*Cayuga Home for Children* became one of the original **HOMEBUILDERS®** agencies in New York State (NYS).

1994

**Services for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities** were implemented

**Weekend Respite and Day Habilitation** programs started.

1998

Our first major expansion outside of Cayuga County into Seneca County.

Received first accreditation from Council on Accreditation.

1999

*Cayuga Home for Children* became an early adopter of evidence-based interventions - beginning with **Functional Family Therapy (FFT)**, a Blueprints Study.

2010

**Treatment Family Foster Care (TFFC)** program launched using the **Multi-Dimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC)** model, the first and only evidence-based treatment foster care in NYS.

2001

Introduced Blueprints Study evidence-based program **Multi-Dimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC)**, an alternative to group or residential treatment, incarceration, or hospitalization.

2003

Began **Multisystemic Therapy (MST)** as the only agency in the world delivering all three Blueprints Study interventions validated for high-need adolescents.

2011

Expanded **TFFC** program to New York City Administration for Children's Services.

Rebranded to *Cayuga Centers*.

Began **Monroe Youth and Family Center**, a mental health clinic, in Rochester, NY. Program ended in 2014.

2015

Expanded **TFFC** program to Florida.

2014

Began working with The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to provide services for **Unaccompanied Children (UC)**. Unlike other providers, UC were placed in foster homes that allow siblings to stay together.

2016

Expanded **TFFC** program to Delaware.

2017

**Weekend Respite and Day Habilitation** programs served more than 1,200 individuals through **Care Coordinator** program.

**SafeCare** program was launched.

2018

**Residential Treatment Center** closes after congregating care is deemed a less effective way to support children and families than treatment foster care and home and community-based treatment services.

2022

*Cayuga Centers* celebrates 170 years by seeking to serve new areas and underserved populations.



2021

Expanded **TFFC** program to Pennsylvania.  
Launched **Home Study and Post Release Services** nationally.

# Paved Beginnings

## OUR EARLY YEARS

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The idea of creating a home for children was first discussed in 1848. Mrs. Horatio Robinson and Mrs. Harriet T. Pitney came together to establish the Cayuga Asylum For Destitute Children. Mrs. Harriet Robinson, Mrs. Maria Reed, Mrs. John Chedell, and Mrs. Aurelian Conklin assisted Mrs. Pitney and Mrs. Robinson and rented a small wooden house on James Street in Auburn, NY.

According to the interpretation of institutional care at the time, The Cayuga Asylum For Destitute Children was unusual. It was one of the first homes of its kind to be built with the specific purpose of caring for children. Other institutions cared for whole families.

No principles or practices of casework existed at the time. The aim was simply to fulfill the basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter. The orphanage's numbers of admitted children began to grow as the children's basic needs were being met.

We quickly outgrew the James Street location and relocated to Owasco Street in 1855, three years after becoming incorporated by the state legislature on May 10, 1852 as The Cayuga Asylum For Destitute Children. By 1855, the unpleasant-sounding name was informally replaced with the Cayuga Home for Children. However, it took until 1913 for the name to be legally changed.

The institution published a periodical named, *The Orphans' Friend*. The first copy appeared in February 1858 and it was in publication until 1894. The institution found this to be a valuable means of communication with the general public. Ten copies of *The Orphans' Friend* cost five dollars annually. A single issue was one dollar. This publication gave a complete history of everyday life at the home, including the changes in the number of children admitted. Interestingly, the November issue of 1867 contained a particular article entitled "Foreign Corre-



ORIGINAL BUILDING FOR THE CAYUGA ASYLUM FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN, 66 OWASCO STREET BUILT IN THE 1850s TO ACCOMMODATE THE OVERPOPULATION OF THE JAMES STREET HOME.

spondance." The author writing to *The Orphans' Friend* readers was on board the ship *Quaker City*, whose passengers included Mark Twain. This journey and experiences abroad lead Twain to write *The Innocents Abroad*.

Through the years, Cayuga Home for Children established a definite policy regarding the admission of children to the institution.

The State Board of Charities in 1914 described those eligible for admission as follows, "Destitute Children between the ages of two years and twelve years, who were committed by the proper authorities." To be legally admitted into the Cayuga Home For Children, every parent or guardian must have signed a written statement saying they have consented to have the

child given to the home.

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"WHEN A CHILD IS RECEIVED IN THE HOME, HE OR SHE IS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO THE BATHROOM, GIVEN A WARM BATH, HEAD CLEANSED, HAIR TRIMMED, AND CLEAN CLOTHING PROVIDED BEFORE HE OR SHE IS NUMBERED WITH THE OTHER CHILDREN." - EXCERPT FROM ANNUAL REPORT

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Through admission records, the general trend shows that children who were neglected and abandoned were admitted.

It was clear that the institution was moving away from the orphan and half-orphaned category in which it was initially built.



# Paving New Ways

## FROM ORPHANAGE CARE TO CONGREGATE CARE

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The change from “Old” to “New” was inevitable. Other forms of child care with far superior methods and results replaced the old idea of custodial care. Cayuga Home for Children also realized that children housed in the old ways of the institution were forming entirely new problems that needed to be dealt with appropriately. In the latter part of 1953, it became apparent that something had to change.

Owasco Street’s now one-hundred-year-old structure was no longer functional. The services offered by the institution were no longer satisfactory, and renovating the old home was a financial impossibility. Furthermore, enrollment was on the decline - a sure indication that a new path was necessary.

As a result of the National Conference of Social Work in May of 1954 and the New York Conference a few months later, Cayuga Home For Children realized two things: first, institutions around the country

were re-evaluating their programs to include specialized treatment and physical changes were necessary — second, the old-fashioned children’s home could not survive the changes modern thinking brought.

After considering the reasons for change, a new home was recommended, and in 1954, the Board bought the C.G. Meaker property on Hamilton Avenue for \$21,000. Three cottages housing twelve children plus houseparents was proposed, along with a central administration building with living quarters for the superintendent, reception rooms, offices, a kitchen,



RIGHT: BREAKING GROUND ON MAY COTTAGE IN 1954.  
LEFT: LAYING CORNERSTONE OF MAY COTTAGE WHICH OPENED IN 1955.

storage room, recreation room, laundry room, and a three or four-bed infirmary.

The positions leading this new initiative were an Executive Director, Case Worker, Program Director, Secretary Book Keeper, six Houseparents, and a Cook. All staff were expected to work as a team, each respecting and utilizing the other’s unique abilities, always aiming toward creating a happier childhood and productive adulthood.

The cottages established became May Cottage, Emerson Cottage and Cowen Cottage.

"I WAS HIRED AS A HOUSE PARENT IN 1983 AND I ACTUALLY LIVED IN THE UNITS FOR FOUR DAYS AND HAD THREE DAYS OFF. SO WE WERE ON CAMPUS FOR OUR ENTIRE SHIFTS." - RON DUSHATINSKI, GROUP CAREWORKER AND FORMER HOUSEPARENT WHO WORKED WITH CAYUGA CENTERS FOR OVER 30 YEARS

RON D, GROUP CARE WORKER, AND RESIDENTS ENGAGING IN A GAME OF CHECKERS DURING RECREATION TIME.

The Cayuga Home For Children ran much like an ordinary home. Houseparents were living on the floors with the children. The children attended school for the entire day, Monday through Friday. They were allowed playtime once they returned at 3:30 until dinner. There was planned recreational time, youths’ appointments were planned, youth were given chores, and friends from school were permitted to visit the home and vice versa. Trips and community activities were a part of their life. Each child was treated as an individual in their own right with a name and a personality rather than a number.

# Paving New Ways in Serving

## HOMEBUILDERS®

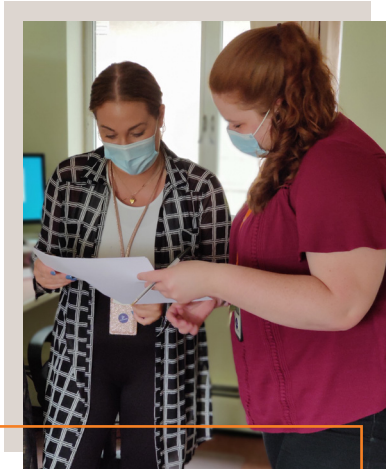
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In the early 1990s Cayuga Home for Children realized it needed a new way to work with families. It was not the common belief to focus on family strength. Children were removed from their homes in droves. It was evident that the state was not the best parent, and we needed to put services in motion to prevent children from being placed in care.

In 1991, we embraced the shift in the human services field and partnered with the Institute for Family Development, which provided the lens needed to introduce a new program. Because the counties focused on "saving" the children from their parents, it took time to build relationships and convince counties that the HOMEBUILDERS® model works and that families were able to change. HOMEBUILDERS® promotes the idea that people

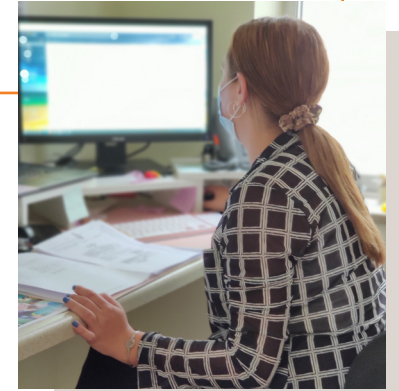
and families have strengths, that all families desire their children to grow up healthy and happy, and that all families are doing their best at any given time. And perhaps most importantly, it is our job, as a provider, to engage with families because there is no such thing as a "resistant" family or individual.

"New York State realized that not every child protective report needed to result in a child being



COLLEAGUES DEANNA AND KAYLA PREP PAPERWORK AND AGENDAS BEFORE HEADING OUT TO THE FIELD FOR A HOME VISIT.

A FAMILY PRESERVATION COUNSELOR PREPARES HERSELF FOR A FAMILY VISIT IN THE COMMUNITY.



removed from their parents, and that - once a child was removed, they often became a "lifer" in out-of-home placements. Looking at the HOMEBUILDERS® model, they saw that each family had strengths that providers routinely overlooked. With coaching and support, parents can meet their challenges and take good care of their children. Indeed, living with one's parents is better than living in an institution. We partnered with Cayuga County Social Services to become one of New York's strength-based and evidence-based service providers - propelling us on a path to better meet the needs of families," says Edward Myers Hayes, President & Chief Executive Officer.

The Family Preservation Program (FPP) was our first home-based program that began in Cayuga County, NY and utilized the HOMEBUILDERS® model. It was part of a new approach that began in the 1980's to keep children and families together safely and prevent out-of-home placements. Family Preservation utilizes a strengths-based approach that focuses on what is going well for the family and builds on those strengths to help them thrive.

"OUR FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM BECAME THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS AND HONESTLY BECAME THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL THE WORK I HAVE DONE IN MY CAREER. IT IS A POWERFUL PROGRAM AND HAS SURVIVED THE TEST OF TIME AS THE OLDEST COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM WE HAVE AT CAYUGA CENTERS," DR. ANN SHEEDY, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER - UPSTATE NEW YORK.

Cayuga Centers believes in the HOMEBUILDERS® model so strongly that we have recently decided to reconnect with the HOMEBUILDERS® agency and go through extensive training and consultations to officially become a certified provider.

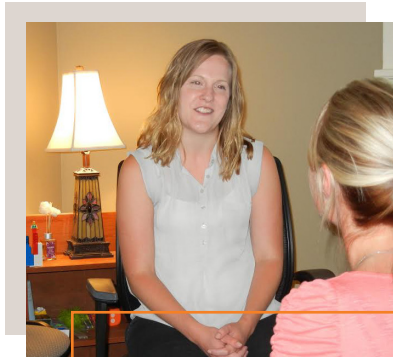
# New Ways in Serving Families

## FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY & MULTISYSTEMIC THERAPY

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The Family Preservation Program (FPP) was the building block for the intensive home-based programs found at Cayuga Centers. Realizing that following a model, even if loosely, delivered positive results and opened the door for Cayuga Home for Children to comfortably introduce two new programs geared towards continuing to keep children with their families: Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Multisystemic Therapy (MST). FFT was first introduced in 1999. When the agency had the opportunity to establish a new evidence-based program, they took it and opened training to therapists at the organization. Functional Family Therapy training differs from other social work training in that the therapists must follow a specific model, adhere to it, and complete documentation.

The Functional Family Therapy model is logical; it has a beginning, a middle and an end. After the initial training and for the program to take root, at least three people had to complete the training to form a Functional Family Therapy team. Alice Berry, a pioneer of the program who was immediately enamored with the model, along with three other colleagues, completed the training and decided to move forward with forming the first FFT team at Cayuga Home for Children.



ORIGINAL BUILDING OF OUR SENECA COUNTY EXPANSION. DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE FFT AND MST PROGRAMS, CAYUGA HOME FOR CHILDREN WAS ABLE TO OFFER SERVICES OUTSIDE OF CAYUGA COUNTY, SETTING THE MOTION FOR EXPANSION.



Bringing this new program to Cayuga County required a large amount of advocacy, both within the community and amongst therapists at the agency. But it worked; FFT was beginning to take on a life of its own and paved the way for our Multisystemic Therapy (MST) program to take root. FFT has more of a clinical background, and the more therapists considered MST, it seemed like a better fit with some of the families they were working with who were running into problems with their teenagers, and it proved to be more intensive. Cayuga Home for Children has always been supportive, innovative, and welcoming to change, and President and CEO Edward Myers Hayes has consistently advocated for evidence-based

programs. The more the therapists spoke about MST and its benefits, the more interested Hayes became, and in 2003 the agency adapted the Multisystemic Therapy model, again positioning the agency as one of few carrying such an intensive program.

The vision continued to be fruitful. If a proven model is followed, goals can be achieved. With solid numbers seen throughout their reports, it became easier to advocate for the programs, to show the expense was worth it, and to help those against FFT or MST understand why it was successful and worked. Cayuga Home for Children positioned itself as a package deal with both successful programs. It became easy to advocate for the program's expansion, which brought the agency to Seneca County, our first geographical expansion.

A THERAPIST MEETS ONE ON ONE WITH CLIENT TO DISCUSS THE FFT MODEL.



# Paving New Paths for Children

## TREATMENT FAMILY FOSTER CARE

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Highly aware that congregate care is too often ineffective, the organization took a radical yet research-informed approach to new programs introduced in the mid-nineties and began providing programs certified as evidence-based by the University of Colorado at Boulder's "Blueprints for the Prevention of Violence Study." Implementing this new vision, the Multi-Dimensional

Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) program was introduced in 2001. With the guidance of a Clinician, Case Manager, and Skills Coach, our MTFC program placed youth at risk in homes with highly-trained foster families. This was a cost-effective alternative to group or residential treatment, incarceration, or hospitalization. This program was especially beneficial for adolescents challenged in a



TREATMENT FAMILY FOSTER CARE (TFFC) YOUTH ENJOYS  
A CARNIVAL THEME DAY WITH PROGRAM STAFF.

group setting, as evidence showed that delinquency levels increased when delinquent youth were housed together. Overall, MTFC allowed these youth to get the individualized and personalized attention they needed.

However, MTFC had its drawbacks. Being a behavioral-based program, for years, the focus was on identifying a youth's behavior and working to change the behavior. On the other hand, Cayuga Home for Children took a step back and began questioning why these behaviors were occurring. After years of following the MTFC program, Cayuga Home for Children realized that the youth in the program came from backgrounds with high levels of trauma. With this knowledge, we separated ourselves from the Blueprint evidence-based program and brought the team approach to our new trauma-informed and clinically focused Treatment Family Foster Care (TFFC) program.

The children in TFFC have high levels of mental health and behavioral needs or are on the autism spectrum. We see many needs that would not be met in a traditional foster care setting. Our TFFC program is the most intensive

## Celebrating 20 years

OF PROVIDING  
TREATMENT FAMILY  
FOSTER CARE SERVICES



foster care program one can find. The youth in this program need this high level of support provided by our team, which wraps around everyone so we can support the child while in care and support reunification with the family.

Becoming the cornerstone of what we do here at Cayuga Centers, we have since expanded the TFFC program to New York City Administration for Children's Services in 2011, Florida in 2015, Delaware in 2016, and Pennsylvania in 2021.

# New Ways in Expansion

## PART 1

### EXPANDING IN NEW YORK STATE

06

The Cayuga Home for Children was gaining a reputation for having a positive impact on children and families. So much so that Seneca County sought out the services of the agency for their community. Being the forward thinker Edward Myers Hayes has proven he is since taking on the leadership role at the agency, he had his therapists at the time do a deep analysis of families served through the FFT program.

Case by case, the program's success rate unfolded before the team as they saw many youth that avoided placement because of the model. With this finding in hand, Hayes accepted an invitation from the Seneca County commissioner to speak about the agency's success and converse about crafting a program for the area.

Our response to a Request for Qualification (RFQ) landed the



agency in a new county. "It felt like we accomplished something," Hayes said.

Our transition from Multi-Dimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) to Treatment Family Foster Care (TFFC) opened the door to expand even further when New York State asked us to bring the program to New York City. We did this - at first - by subcontracting in 2003 and - by 2005 - making it an official Cayuga Centers program establishing our first NYC office.

In order to better reflect the variety of programs the agency now offered, the Cayuga Home for Children began doing business as and rebranded itself as Cayuga Centers in 2011.

In 2014 we began working with the federal government (the Office of Refugee Resettlement) to provide services for Unaccompanied Children (UC). We differed from other providers who offered congregate care by insisting children be placed in nurturing foster homes - allowing siblings to stay together. What began as a 300-bed Transitional Foster Care program has grown to 1100 foster beds. A Long Term Foster Care program was later added, as was a program to provide Home Study and Post Release Services. The latter program established offices in Fort Lauderdale, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Dallas/Fort Worth, New York City, and Chicago to facilitate services wherever needed.



UNACCOMPANIED MINORS IN OUR TRANSITIONAL FOSTER CARE PROGRAM ATTEND SCHOOL AT OUR FACILITY IN NEW YORK CITY.

# New Ways in Expansion

## PART 2

### EXPANDING TO NEW STATES

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We needed to become more than a New York State provider. We needed to go out and pitch our programs and make asks. We gravitated towards states that were picking up in population and had an inadequate human services structure, and in 2015, the opportunity to bring our services to Florida presented itself.

Peter Ranalli, Managing Partner, contacted Cayuga Centers leadership with a need. A local Florida agency needed a program that was able to serve children with challenging behaviors and mental health issues. Our Treatment Family Foster Care program (TFFC) was the ideal fit. Placing roots in small offices in South Florida took time. The new team knocked on businesses' doors, initiated conversations at the local neighborhood

grocery stores, visited with the mayor to introduce themselves, and announced Cayuga Centers' presence and our new take on the human services structure in the area.

In 2017, in response to the state of Delaware's request for a program that was able to meet the needs of higher-level youth,



TREATMENT FAMILY FOSTER CARE (TFFC) YOUTH FEATURED ON DELAWARE'S "WEDNESDAY'S CHILD" IN HOPES OF FINDING A FOREVER FAMILY.

AFTER SHARING OFFICES IN SUITES THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING, CAYUGA CENTERS MADE THE DECISION IN 2022 TO PURCHASE THE ENTIRE BUILDING HOUSING THE DELAWARE TEAM.



particularly youth who were stepping down from residential treatment programs, Cayuga Centers expanded to their third state. Delaware was interested in bringing high-level youth placed outside of the state back into the community via a program that could support their level of need. Our TFFC program was the best solution.

The priorities for the new Delaware team were to get the Cayuga Centers' name out to the community, build relationships, and begin getting referrals. The team relied heavily on networking and community building, especially word of mouth from current foster parents and the state itself, to build awareness of the program.

Once a rapport was established, recruiting and training foster

parents for such a niche population revealed new challenges. It was instrumental that the foster parents we partnered with be adequately trained to successfully manage the youth our program served. We wanted to ensure they felt supported and secure and could care for these youth to the best of their abilities.

The extra attention to the past, current, and future foster parents and relationship building proved to be the most essential building blocks for the Delaware and Florida teams. From sharing offices in a small suite during the early days to Cayuga Centers purchasing the entire building and adding additional programs at each location proved that the expansion was the right move at that time and for future endeavors.



# Paved Futures

## THE NEXT 170 YEARS

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When Edward Myers Hayes initially joined then Cayuga Home for Children in June of 1995 as the Executive Director, he knew he wanted to bring change. “The Board of Trustees hired me, and then they gave me a tremendous amount of latitude to recreate the agency so it could go, and it could meet the challenges of the future, and ever since then, we’ve been working to meet the challenges of the future,” the now President and Chief Executive Officer shares.

The early nineties showed drastic changes in the human services field. Not to be left behind, Cayuga Centers’ leadership had to determine what a future in the field looked like and how to navigate it. Adding structure to the agency and programs was instrumental. The agency knew it had to interact more with youth and work closely with families. It was vital it moved past congregate care and invested

in the growth and expansion of Home and Community-Based Services.

Ultimately, Cayuga Centers only had a future if it provided quality services, caught on to what was new, became early adapters instead of waiting, and recruited the best to help it implement these visions.

As Cayuga Centers continues to pave the future, we aim to provide good services and continue to touch lives. We continue to listen to what research tells us about



IN JUNE 2022, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, MID-ATLANTIC CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES PROGRAMS, LORRAINE M. SÁNCHEZ, WAS NAMED SCHNEPS MEDIA 2022 POWER WOMAN OF THE BRONX.



new interventions and learn them. We want to continue to be the agency that counties and the federal government consults with when they have a problem. But most importantly, we want to ensure we are an excellent sustainable workplace.

The future of Cayuga Centers all ties in with growth, expansion, and quality care.

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I LOOK AT THE PRESENT. I  
WANT EACH STAFF TO FEEL  
LIKE THEY OWN THE AGENCY.  
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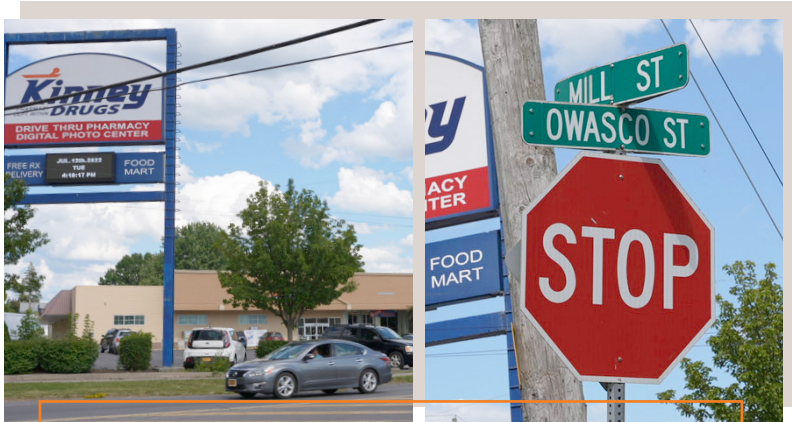
RESHAPE THE AGENCY. I NEED  
US TO ACT WITH MISSION,  
ACTION, AND CONVICTION.  
HOW ARE WE DOING, AND  
HOW CAN WE GO AND GET  
BETTER?”

- EDWARD MYERS HAYES

People don’t fail programs; programs fail people. We always need to be meeting people’s needs and not failing them. We must keep growing and experimenting, increasing our expertise and bandwidth, because if we don’t step up and serve, who will?

What we do tomorrow is more important than what we did yesterday.

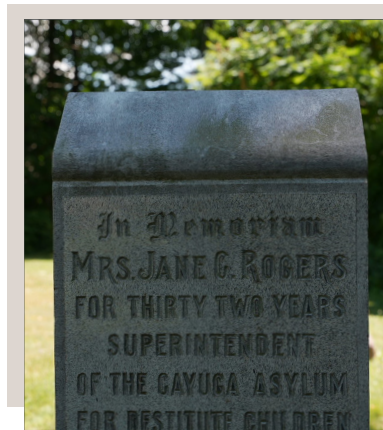




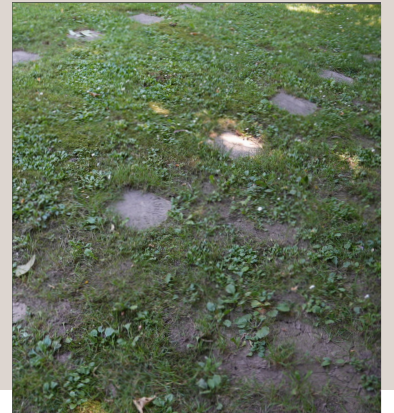
CURRENT SITE OF WHERE OUR OWASCO STREET BUILDING ONCE STOOD



ORIGINAL IMAGE FROM THE OWASCO STREET LOCATION



HEADSTONE OF MRS. JANE G. ROGERS, SUPERINTENDENT OF CAYUGA ASYLUM FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN. BURIED AT FORT HILL CEMETERY, AUBURN NY



BURIAL PLOTS OF ORPHANS FROM THE CAYUGA ASYLUM FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN AT FORT HILL CEMETERY, AUBURN NY



GIFTED ON CAYUGA CENTERS' 160TH ANNIVERSARY, AND FOUND AT FORT HILL CEMETERY, AUBURN NY, ALONG SIDE MRS. JANE G. ROGERS AND THE ORPHANS.

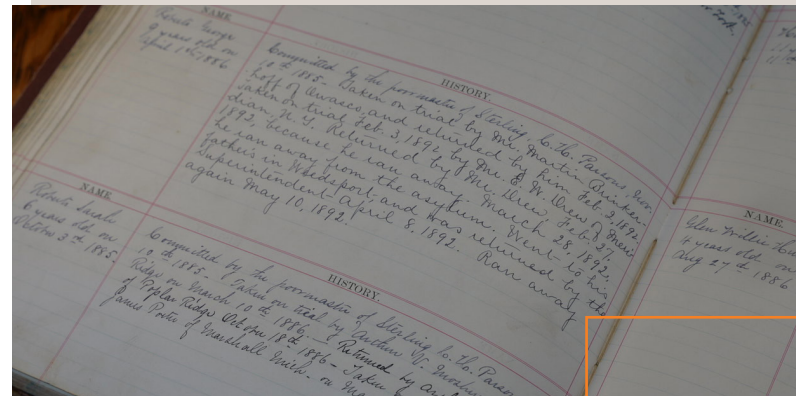
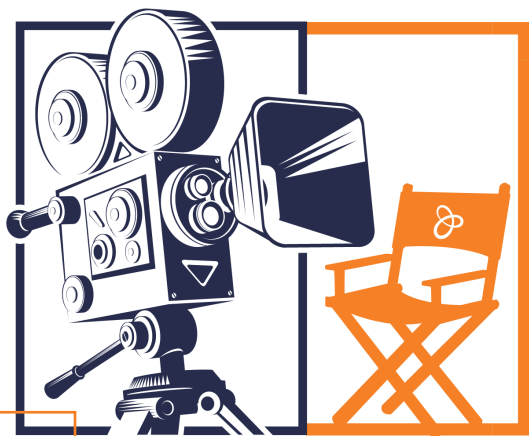


FORT HILL CEMETERY, AUBURN, NY ALSO THE SITE OF HARRIET TUBMAN'S GRAVE. HARRIET TUBMAN TOOK AT LEAST ONE CHILD FROM THE CAYUGA ASYLUM FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN INTO HER CARE.

# Beyond Words

We are incredibly fortunate that our agency has been around for one hundred and seventy years, continuously paving the ways in serving children and families. We hope to continue doing the same for another hundred and seventy more.

Continue learning our history beyond these written words. Hear firsthand what it was like at Cayuga Centers in the 80s and 90s and listen to stories from when many of our successful programs came to be by going to [cayugacenters.org/our-history](https://cayugacenters.org/our-history) and immersing yourself in our **170th history docuseries - Tales from the Archive: Paving Our Way Through History.**



**Thank you for sharing your story and your contributions to Cayuga Centers' history:**

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This would not be possible without archived annual reports, ledgers, and pictures dating back one hundred and seventy years. We thank all of the people involved in preserving our history over the years.



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## OUR MISSION

To help children, families and individuals to grow as independent, healthy and productive citizens through quality counseling, out-of-home care and support services. We do this in partnership with those we serve as well as government agencies and other service providers.

## NUESTRA MISIÓN

Ayudar a niños, familias e individuos crecer como ciudadanos independientes, saludables, y productivos por medio de asesoramiento profesional, cuidado fuera de hogar y servicios de apoyo. Nosotros hacemos esto con asociación a aquellos a los que servimos como también con agencias gubernamentales y otros proveedores de servicios.



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