



" The STARRS Program has given me hope that my child can find a place where he can be himself and not feel 'different'. It's given me the freedom to improve life for me and my son. It's been a breath of fresh air to be involved with people who 'get it' and who see the value in my child and people like him."

-AMANDA ALDRICH

The STARRS program empowers children, families and individuals who have high service needs and enables them to live ways that are productive, healthy and meaningful.



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STRIVING TOWARD ACADEMICS,
RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY & SAFETY





In the beginning...

September 2016 marked the beginning of the Striving Toward Academics, Respect, Responsibility, and Safety (STARRS) program and the partnership between Kids Oneida and Madison Oneida BOCES.

For this program, Kids Oneida's goal has been to provide a proactive approach to behavior management within the school setting, ultimately transitioning the students to a less restrictive academic environment.

By the end of the second year, the STARRS program successfully transitioned 54% of students to a less restrictive environment or a program more suited to the student's needs. The program also saw a reduction in suspensions and an increase in engagement in classroom activities.

Services provided through STARRS

Behavior Support Specialist (BSS) - The BSS is there to provide proactive supports to alleviate behavior struggles within the classroom.

Clinical Care Coordinator (CCC) - The CCC provides individual and group therapy sessions in addition to assuring families are connected to services available to them within the community.

Additional services available to children within the STARRS program:

- ☆ Mentoring
- ☆ Behavior Management
- ☆ Psychiatric Evaluation
- ☆ Mental Health Counseling
- ☆ Medication Management
- ☆ 24 hour access to KO on-call
- ☆ Recreational Groups

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Looking ahead

As we move forward into the 2018-2019 school year we look to continue to build upon our initial successes with a focus on further reducing the need for emergency interventions while at the same time providing creative and individualized wraparound services for the children in the program.

These tremendous outcomes could not have been achieved without the partnership, collaboration, and innovation of Madison Oneida BOCES and Kids Oneida. We look to continue to grow and strengthen this partnership.

