

# WATERFORD COUNTRY SCHOOL

*A non-profit human services agency focusing on the special needs of children and families at risk.*

## HISTORY & MISSION

Founded in 1922 by Ettie and Henry Schacht, Waterford Country School now employs 225 staff and sits on over 320 acres of land. Waterford Country School is dedicated to doing whatever it takes to enrich the lives of children and strengthen families through specialized programs, resources and community services.

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Provides a wide spectrum of therapeutic services to children and youth throughout the state of Connecticut who cannot remain in their communities due to family issues, trauma, abuse or serious behavioral problems.

### EMERGENCY SHELTER

Provides emergency short-term placement for youth ages 10-18 who need immediate services as well as short term family intensive treatment service partners with DCF for families experiencing crisis.

### SHORT TERM FAMILY INTEGRATED TREATMENT (S-FIT)

S-FIT is a family-centered program with a 15 day placement component for youth ages 12-17. Six family therapy sessions take place during the 15 day placement. Community resources are identified and coordinated to ensure rapid reintegration of the youth into the home on the 15th day. S-FIT also offers 5 day respite for extenuating circumstances.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Provides classroom instruction, individualized instruction, computer skills, conflict resolution and off-grounds cooperative work programs all while seeking to provide personal achievement and improvement initiatives. Enables students to better meet the challenges they face in their schools, families and communities.

### CAMP CUHECA

Innovative, multifaceted summer day camp and afterschool programs. Each specializes in adventure and animal therapy for children ages 7-18 who need individualized support and extra adult supervision.

### THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE

A home based treatment program designed to provide support and guidance for children and youth in need of a stable home environment. Foster parents are supported through teams of professionals who provide intense assistance and training.

### CONNECTICUT ADOPTION SERVICES

This program provides birth parent counseling, adoption licensing, child placement, interstate placement support and post-adoption support. CAS works to increase the number of successful adoptions within Connecticut, especially the adoption of children who have special placement needs.

### OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Serving children ages 3-18, our Outpatient Clinic provides individual, group and family therapy out of our Norwich office. Our services address trauma, mental health and behavioral issues. Medication management services are also available.

### OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Hands-on education and therapeutic opportunities for children, adults, families and organizations. Specialized programs include a challenge ropes course, children's farm and mobile farm program.

### WILDLIFE REHABILITATION

Almost 200 injured animals per year are admitted into the rehabilitation program. Many are treated and released while others become permanent residents if they need to live in our sheltered and supported environment.

## AGENCY MODEL

WCS practices the CARE model developed by Cornell University, to effectively promote growth and positive change.

Licensed by the Connecticut Department of Children and Families

Approved by the Connecticut Department of Education for Special Education

Accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Children & Family Services (COA)

A member of: The CT Nonprofit Alliance • The CT Association of Private Special Education Facilities • The Children's League of CT



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