WEDIKO AT THE HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS, NEW YORK

Making New York City Stronger and Healthier for 10 Years

Youth across the nation have been facing an unprecedented mental health crisis in recent years. Now more than ever, it is critical that children and adolescents have access to quality clinical care and the supports they need to succeed.

Schools and families cannot do it alone.

At Wediko New York Programs at The Home, we are committed to improving children's lives and believe that schools are an ideal place to promote well-being. For over a decade, Wediko has supported the entire communities of New York City schools, while also providing direct services to students and their families. We have found that when all the adults in a child's life can get on the same page, good things can happen. As we mark our 10th anniversary, we also celebrate our impact. The Home at Wediko NY has...

- Served over 45 schools
- Supported over 15,000 students
- Supported over 6,000 Department of Education staff members
- Helped over 9,000 families
- Provided individual counseling and group services to over 22,500 students



Our organization has been advancing children's welfare for over 200 years. Wediko NY draws on the vision of Wediko Children's Services' 90-year legacy and that of the parent company, The Home for Little Wanderers, the nation's oldest child welfare agency. In 2020, Wediko Children's Services merged with The Home for Little Wanderers, expanding the scope of our services and impact. Wediko, established in 1934, and The Home share a mutual commitment to creating better, brighter futures for kids.





At Wediko at The Home, we support all staff, including administrators, teachers, guidance counselors and paraprofessionals, and offer a flexible menu of services that can be tailored to meet the needs of students, parents and our professional partners.

HOW WE HELP

SCHOOL BASED-SERVICES

- Individual therapy for students and/or families
- Small group counseling
- Side by Side social skills groups, a whole-school improvement project geared to prevention, early intervention and treatment
- Professional development and technical assistance
- School-wide behavior and attendance support
- Family support services, including outreach and workshops

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Social-emotional learning/building a pro-social classroom
- Managing challenging behaviors/crisis de-escalation
- Bullying prevention
- Trauma-informed approaches
- Culturally responsive practices

DIRECT STUDENT SERVICES

- Attendance interventions and student screenings
- Post-secondary readiness and skill building
- Classroom supports, including milieu support and advisory facilitation
- Case conferences and case management
- Mediation and de-escalation
- After-school arts, social skills and enrichment programs
- Small groups and internship programs
- Support for recent immigrant students and families
- Individual counseling, home visits and referrals
- Behavioral assessments and intervention plans
- Life space crisis intervention

"Wediko staff are particularly helpful with understanding student trauma and how it may manifest in the classroom setting. They are always patient and available to help our students progress through their day."

-Teacher

"Wediko has helped me get through days I thought I wouldn't be able to make it through."

-Student



School-Based Support Meets an Urgent Need

Wediko NY at The Home for Little Wanderers works closely with the New York City Department of Education, New York City Office of Community Schools, The New York State Office of School Health and the federal 21st Century grant program to design programming that responds to the needs of children who face repeated obstacles to development due to emotional, behavioral, environmental and learning challenges. We believe that advocacy for children's mental health services is imperative, and we are committed to continuing and increasing that effort.

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