



# NFI North

Inspiring and empowering people to reach their full potential and live successfully in their community

## WHO ARE WE?

NFI North was created at a time when people who had mental health needs were institutionalized due to a lack of community services. As a result of this widespread practice, people's lives and futures were adversely affected.

Today, stigma and discrimination still exist—but as millions of us raise our voices, harmful misconceptions are beginning to decrease. NFI North believes that people thrive best on their own and in their community. We provide services that empower and inspire people to reach their full potential.

NFI North provides an array of services across Maine and New Hampshire. The agency is an accredited, well-recognized, high-quality, nonprofit organization whose focus is on helping people help themselves. We accomplish this by providing specialized education, counseling, supported employment, care management, foster care, residential services, as well as many other services designed to meet the needs of the people we serve.



**MISSION FOCUSED**



**HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF**



**IN HOME & IN COMMUNITY SERVICE DELIVERY**



**INDIVIDUALIZED & FAMILY FOCUSED SERVICES**

## OUR BELIEFS

- Participant driven services
- Each person has unique strengths, needs, and ideas
- People are capable of positive change and positive approach
- The best approach is trauma-informed, individualized, and holistic
- Education and skill-building are essential for sustainable growth
- Open, honest, ongoing communication is done in an environment of respect and dignity
- Treatment approaches are guided by cultural, linguistic, and gender-responsive competencies

# ABOUT OLIVER PLACE

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As part of NFI North and founded in 1997 as a redesign of the historic Bath Children's Home, Oliver Place has become one of the most innovative providers of youth residential, mental, and behavioral health services. Our passion for finding and implementing the most effective solutions burns bright. It's fueled by the support of donors, volunteers, families, foster and adoptive parents, state and town officials, and individuals who are drawn to our work by our results.

We are a mental health treatment program for youth ages 13-20. We provide treatment within the context of our residential treatment home or through in-home treatment services.

Oliver Place provides services in two parts: transitional living and community support. Participants spend up to one year in the first component, a six bed residential home where they prepare for independent living. Participants then transition to the outreach program and live in their own apartment for approximately one year, with case management support provided by the program.

## WHAT WE DO

### FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER

Our guiding vision is a commitment to helping youth to return to their family or other home-like setting and involving families and significant others in the treatment process is essential to the child's success.

We work together- child, family, and staff- to create positive pathways to reunification. Parental and community involvement includes workshops and support groups for identified topic areas. We understand that people are social and have a deep-rooted desire to belong, so we create positive, pro-social opportunities where participants can turn for a sense of belonging. We believe that with the right support, teaching, coaching, and nurturing, everyone can advance and realize their goals.



WE SPECIALIZE IN SUPPORTING YOUTH AS THEY TRANSITION TO YOUNG ADULTHOOD. WE PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH ARTVAN AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS. WE ARE COMMITTED TO CREATING SAFE SPACES WHERE OPEN AND HONEST CONVERSATIONS LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES."

ANDREA BABBIN WOOD, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The earlier a young person and their family can access services, the more effective the services can be. Early intervention can help them to stay on track to achieving their life goals. Our program focuses on the whole person and their family and our on-site school meets the special education needs of our participants. Clinical services, help youth and families to learn new and healthy strategies.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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