







# THE WHEELER DIFFERENCE

Our comprehensive, individualized and relationally-based programming, along with our nurturing, highly trained and committed staff, separates Wheeler's services from other therapeutic day schools in Connecticut.

Welcoming those who may have had limited past success in school, Wheeler's staff are focused on positive outcomes for students in and out of the classroom, and work closely with families and districts to ensure that the individualized needs of each student are met.

Our staff focus on helping students achieve academic success, as well as effectively managing their emotions, building positive relationships and meeting their clinical goals. As a result, our students feel connected, motivated and understood.

# ABOUT NORTHWEST VILLAGE SCHOOL

Through the Northwest Village School in Plainville, Wheeler provides a positive and successful learning experience for students aged 4-21 with complex social, emotional, developmental, learning and/or behavioral challenges. We offer:

- A transdisciplinary team approach that includes a full continuum of educational, mental health, psychiatry, speech, occupational therapy, and health and wellness services in one location
- Specialized programming, such as community-based learning, gender-responsive classrooms, transition services, and prevocational programming
- Consistent communication with home school districts and families to ensure coordination of care
- Trauma-informed relational approach to address the needs of students in the areas of emotional and behavioral regulation, social skill development, self-esteem building and decision-making
- Short-term diagnostic placements and multidisciplinary evaluations to provide an individualized assessment of student needs
- Linkages with other programs offered across the Wheeler continuum of services

# NORTHWEST VILLAGE SCHOOL'S RICH ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING (GRADES K-12+)

Northwest Village School offers a state-of-the-art learning environment that encourages growth and discovery for students, kindergarten through transition beyond high school. Wheeler's teachers bring an array of subjects to life in a sensory-sensitive environment that includes engaging classrooms and innovative tools for learning. Students prepare for the future using the latest technology, and they are engaged in recreational and creative activities in the school's gym and performance space.

# PREPARING FOR SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL

We also offer an array of opportunities and hands-on instruction to prepare high school and transition-year students for the future; these include employment readiness training, on-site job training and community-based jobs in local businesses. On-site pre-vocational programming for students explores career opportunities in the culinary, automotive, retail, housekeeping, maintenance and agricultural fields.





# A SUPPORTIVE, INDIVIDUALIZED STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Northwest Village School offers offer a supportive, academic experience that follows Connecticut's Common Core State Standards. A team of highly trained teachers, psychotherapists, literacy specialists, psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists and paraprofessionals delivers individualized programming designed to build on each student's learning style and strengths to address complex educational and mental health needs.

Supported by an array of clinical services, a wide range of innovative and supportive instructional approaches help students engage in academics, build confidence and move forward in their learning.

- A low student/teacher ratio ensures students receive the attention and support they need.
- An innovative co-teacher model pairs special education teachers and regular education teachers to offer engaging and individualized instruction in most content areas.
- A broad range of enrichment activities, including art, music, physical education, pre-vocational programming, and life skills, helps round out the academic experience.
- Individual, group and family therapies are provided by experienced clinicians trained in a range of therapeutic, speech and/or occupational therapy approaches designed to address mental health, behavioral and other challenges from a transdisciplinary and trauma-informed perspective.

#### Serving the Needs of Districts and Families

- 98% of school districts are satisfied with the quality of our educational services.
- 96% of school districts are satisfied with the quality of our clinical services.

#### In a 2017-2018 parent survey,

- 94% of those who responded **agreed** or **strongly agreed** that **school staff had been helpful** when their child struggled at school.
- In the same survey, **94%** of **parents** said the school **agreed** or **strongly agreed** that the school **helped their child learn to resolve conflicts** and/or cope with frustration.
- Nearly 96% of parents said they agreed or strongly agreed that they felt respected.



# Connecticut's Proven Leader in Education Services

Wheeler has been a Connecticut leader in providing special education and behavioral health services for more than 43 years. Our education services team has extensive experience with, and knowledge of, the state's educational system, as well as expertise in assessing, identifying and meeting the individual needs of students with complex special education needs and their school districts.

In addition to Northwest Village School, we also offer a broad range of multidisciplinary evaluation, training, consultation and in-district services that foster collaborative relationships with schools, community providers and families to meet the unique educational needs of students.

The program seamlessly benefits from Wheeler's proven history of comprehensive, individualized and relationally-based programming across the entire lifespan. As the state's largest provider of behavioral health services, Wheeler's full continuum of care provides health, growth and recovery for more than 30,000 individuals, families and communities each year.

### WHEELER CLINIC

Wheeler provides comprehensive solutions that address complex health issues, providing individuals, families and communities with accessible, innovative care that encourages recovery, health and growth at all stages of life. Our integrated approach to primary and behavioral health, education and recovery creates measurable results, positive outcomes and hopeful tomorrows for more than 30,000 individuals across Connecticut each year. www.wheelerclinic.org



# • OUR MISSION •

Wheeler provides equitable access to innovative care that improves health, recovery and growth at all stages of life.

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