

How can I learn more about Lighthouse?

Referrals to our program can come from your child's social worker, principal, school psychologist, counselor or teacher.

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and



Some things that parents are saying about Lighthouse:

“Before Lighthouse I was at a loss to get my son into a classroom. After Lighthouse I am so relieved to see him go to school every day!”

“My daughter is in a much better place because of Lighthouse.”

“It was so great to watch my child open up and begin to trust others.”

“Lighthouse made a real difference!”



Lighthouse

Working together to help
students in grades 6-12
to become great learners.

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What is Lighthouse?

Lighthouse is a therapeutic educational program that can work with you, your child and his/her school to find new ways to help him/her become a more successful learner.

Lighthouse students leave their home schools and come to the Lighthouse Classroom on the TST BOCES campus on Warren Road in Ithaca, NY, for about six weeks.

There are only eight students in the program at a time, so students receive a lot of care and support in Lighthouse. Our team of skilled and compassionate teachers and mental health professionals have developed a warm and inspiring classroom where we can build on the strengths of young people and then help them practice new skills that will support learning.

The Lighthouse Program includes:

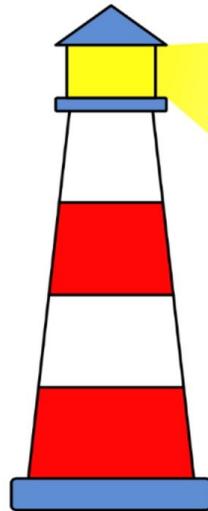
- Individualized social/emotional and academic assessment
- Academic skill building for students
- Support and skill building for families
- Individual and group counseling or students
- Referral to community supports
- Comprehensive transition planning with you and your child's home school

How is the Lighthouse Classroom Staffed?

Students and families work with a program team that includes a teacher, a classroom aide, a full time social worker, a half-time social worker and a consulting psychologist.

What happens if my child is referred to Lighthouse?

Our area schools work really hard to help students, but sometimes schools need fresh ideas to help a young



person become a successful learner. When that happens, the school may talk with you about a Lighthouse referral. If you decide to look into an admission at Lighthouse, you and the school will fill out a basic application and send it to the Program Director. She will talk with you and the staff at your child's school

within a couple of days of the referral and will schedule a time for you and your son or daughter to come and visit the program. You will meet the staff, learn more about the program and together we will figure out whether a Lighthouse admission is a good idea. If we all decide the program is a good match for your youth, we will arrange admission as soon as possible.

Family Involvement

If your child comes to Lighthouse, you will be an important member of our team! We have learned that when families are involved in a Lighthouse admission, students are more successful. You will be involved in the development of a care plan and will be asked to maintain regular communication with the Lighthouse staff. Family groups are also offered where you can meet with some of our staff and hear about the skills and strategies that your child is learning while they are at Lighthouse.

Funding and Transportation

Your child's school district pays for the Lighthouse Program. There is no cost to you at all. The school district will arrange for your child to be bussed to the program on a daily basis.

Sometimes things get in the way of people learning with ease. A big life change, a medical problem, a family crisis, an unidentified learning disability or school anxiety can make it hard for children to learn in school. When that happens, schools and families sometimes turn to the Lighthouse Program for support!