

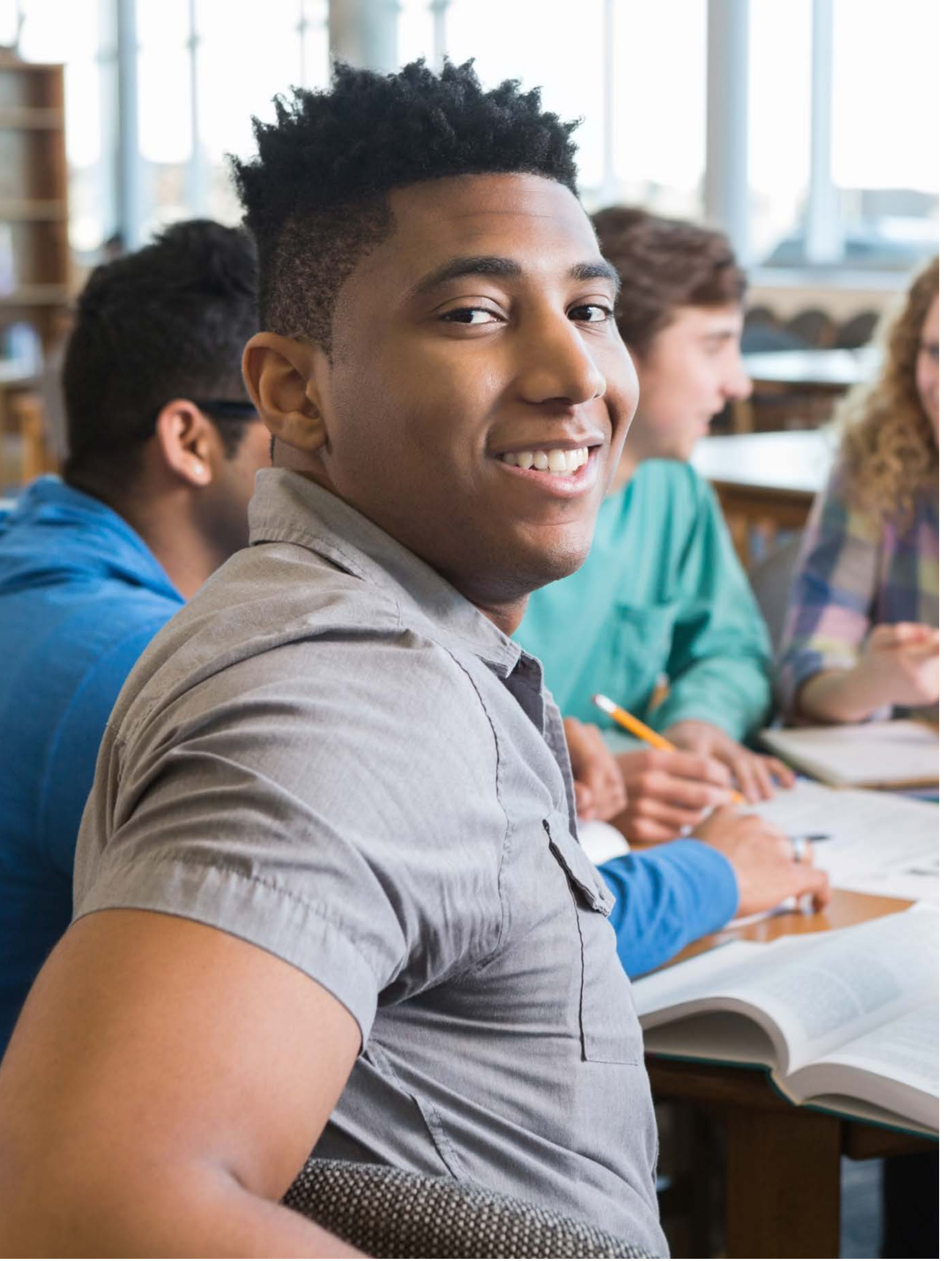


Wheeler

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Education Services at Wheeler





WHEELER EDUCATION SERVICES

Every child deserves the opportunity to succeed in school. Wheeler creates and supports this opportunity through an array of education programs and services for students ages 4-21 with complex social, emotional, developmental, learning and/or behavioral challenges.

Our services include a clinical day school for our students, Northwest Village School, which offers an innovative learning environment. We also offer in-district solutions and multidisciplinary evaluation services that foster collaborative relationships with school districts, community providers and families to meet the unique educational needs of students.

Our comprehensive, individualized and relationally-based programming, along with our nurturing, highly trained and committed staff, serve students who have had limited past success in school. We focus on positive outcomes for youth in and out of the classroom, and we work closely with families and districts to ensure that the individualized needs of each student are met.

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Our education services also dovetail with Wheeler's broad continuum of behavioral health and primary care services, including our:

- Outpatient services for children, adolescents, individuals and families
- In-home services for children, adolescents, individuals and families
- Early childhood programs
- Extended Day Services for children, adolescents and families
- On-site pharmacy at 91 Northwest Drive, Plainville, operated by Genoa Healthcare
- Family Health & Wellness Centers in Bristol, New Britain and Hartford

“I have become a better reader
and handle my frustrations better.”

— Kevin, *student*



Northwest Village School

Preparing Students for Life in a Supportive Learning Environment

Northwest Village School serves special education students who exhibit complex social, emotional, learning and/or behavioral challenges that have resulted in a Planning and Placement Team decision to seek placement outside of a traditional public school setting.

Northwest Village School offers a supportive academic experience that follows Connecticut's Common Core State Standards. A team of highly trained teachers, psychotherapists, literacy specialists, speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, nurses, 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 behavioral health, speech and occupational therapy clinicians trained in a range of clinical approaches designed to address mental health, behavioral and other challenges from a transdisciplinary and trauma-informed perspective.

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. Off-campus job training is offered through partnerships with a variety of local businesses.

Located in Plainville, Connecticut, Northwest Village School offers a state-of-the-art learning environment that encourages growth and discovery for elementary, middle school, high school and transition-aged students. 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.



Collaborative Learning Programs

Maintaining Students' Connections to Their Schools and Communities

There are many ways to help students succeed. Wheeler collaborates with school districts to develop individualized in-district solutions that allow students to remain in their home districts. Wheeler's Collaborative Learning Programs (CLPs) provide an alternative to out-of-district placements for students with significant needs that impede their learning. The CLP model brings together Wheeler's expertise in working with students who have significant clinical needs, with established and familiar relationships and experiences offered through their local school districts. The CLP utilizes an integrated, multidisciplinary team approach to provide clinical services to these students with serious mental health and behavioral challenges who struggle to succeed in traditional academic settings. Students' mental health and educational needs are addressed through innovative and highly specialized programming that is designed within a supportive, trauma-informed framework.

The partnership effectively meets the unique needs of this population of students and creates efficiencies to reduce education costs by serving students in their home districts.

The Collaborative Learning Program's primary objectives are to:

- Reduce the need for outplacement by keeping students connected and integrated in their community school program
- Help students successfully return to in-district schools from outplacement settings
- Enhance academic performance
- Reduce truancy
- Create positive partnerships between the schools and families through effective family/caregiver engagement
- Connect families to community-based resources

We employ relational milieu-based therapeutic intervention strategies to support students who struggle in traditional mainstream classes and require a more-focused, nurturing, structured and smaller learning environment in order to achieve success.

Through comprehensive clinical and behavioral support in the classroom and direct clinical intervention, our experienced staff works with district staff to help students experience success in school. As a result, students make progress with emotional and behavioral regulation, academic progress, and attendance.

“I learned how to ask for help.
I'm proud I finished school.”

— Joshua, *student*



Additional Services for Students, Families and Communities

Diagnostic Assessment and Referral Team (DART)

Wheeler's Diagnostic Assessment and Referral Team (DART) provides effective and practical answers to referral questions involving complex diagnostic, programming and placement decisions. The team provides specific recommendations regarding strategies and approaches to help children and youth succeed in least restrictive treatment or educational environments.

The cornerstone of our program is the DART evaluation, a customized, integrated, multidisciplinary evaluation for children who are experiencing complex psychiatric, behavioral, cognitive, social, emotional, and/or educational difficulties. The final report provides an integrated assessment of the child, addresses identified concerns and provides recommendations to help the child achieve a greater sense of success in his/her overall functioning.

DART Evaluations may include any of the following assessment components:

- Neuropsychological
- Psychological
- Psychiatric
- Educational
- Speech and language
- Occupational therapy
- Classroom observation
- Child and family assessment
- Problem sexual behavior assessment
- Substance abuse assessment
- Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)
- Autism assessment

Diagnostic Educational Placements

Northwest Village School offers a collaborative approach to evaluate student needs. Diagnostic placement services, coupled with or without a DART evaluation, provide a short-term option to assess student needs and response to intervention in a more structured academic environment. These placements provide school districts and families with an in-depth understanding of the child's academic and/or clinical needs and make specific recommendations for academic programming and/or clinical treatment.

Consultation and Training

Wheeler's team of professionals have expertise in many areas. The team is available to provide consultation and training with regard to mental health and special education programming for children with a wide variety of complex needs.

“Every teacher here is special because they make someone feel special.”

— Adrianna, *student*

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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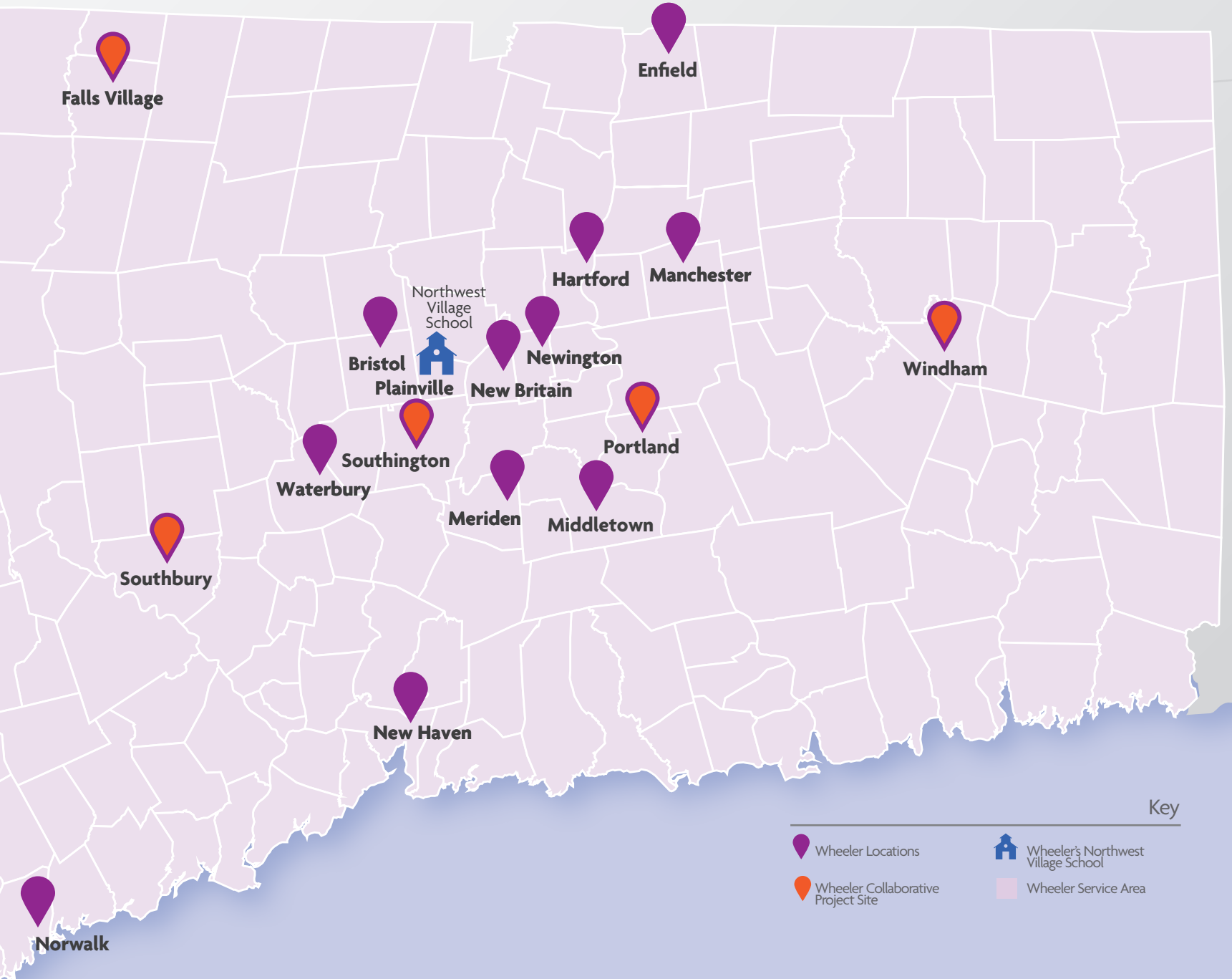


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Wheeler Clinic: Working and Collaborating to Serve Our Communities Across Connecticut.



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- Wheeler Locations
- Wheeler Collaborative Project Site
- Wheeler's Northwest Village School
- Wheeler Service Area



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