



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 5–22 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 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.

### Health. Recovery. Growth.

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, Hartford, New Britain, Plainville, and Waterbury



“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, speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, nurses, and paraprofessionals deliver 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.
- A broad range of enrichment activities, including art, sports, physical education, pre-vocational programming, and life skills, helps round out the academic experience.
- Individual and group 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 an inclusive 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 engage in recreational and creative activities in the school's gym and performance space.



# 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.



“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 50 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 other 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, recovery, and growth for more than 60,000 individuals, families, and communities each year.

### Wheeler

Wheeler provides comprehensive solutions that address complex health issues, providing individuals, families, and communities with accessible, innovative care that encourages health, recovery, 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 60,000 individuals across Connecticut each year. [www.wheelerclinic.org](http://www.wheelerclinic.org)

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#### • Our Mission •

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

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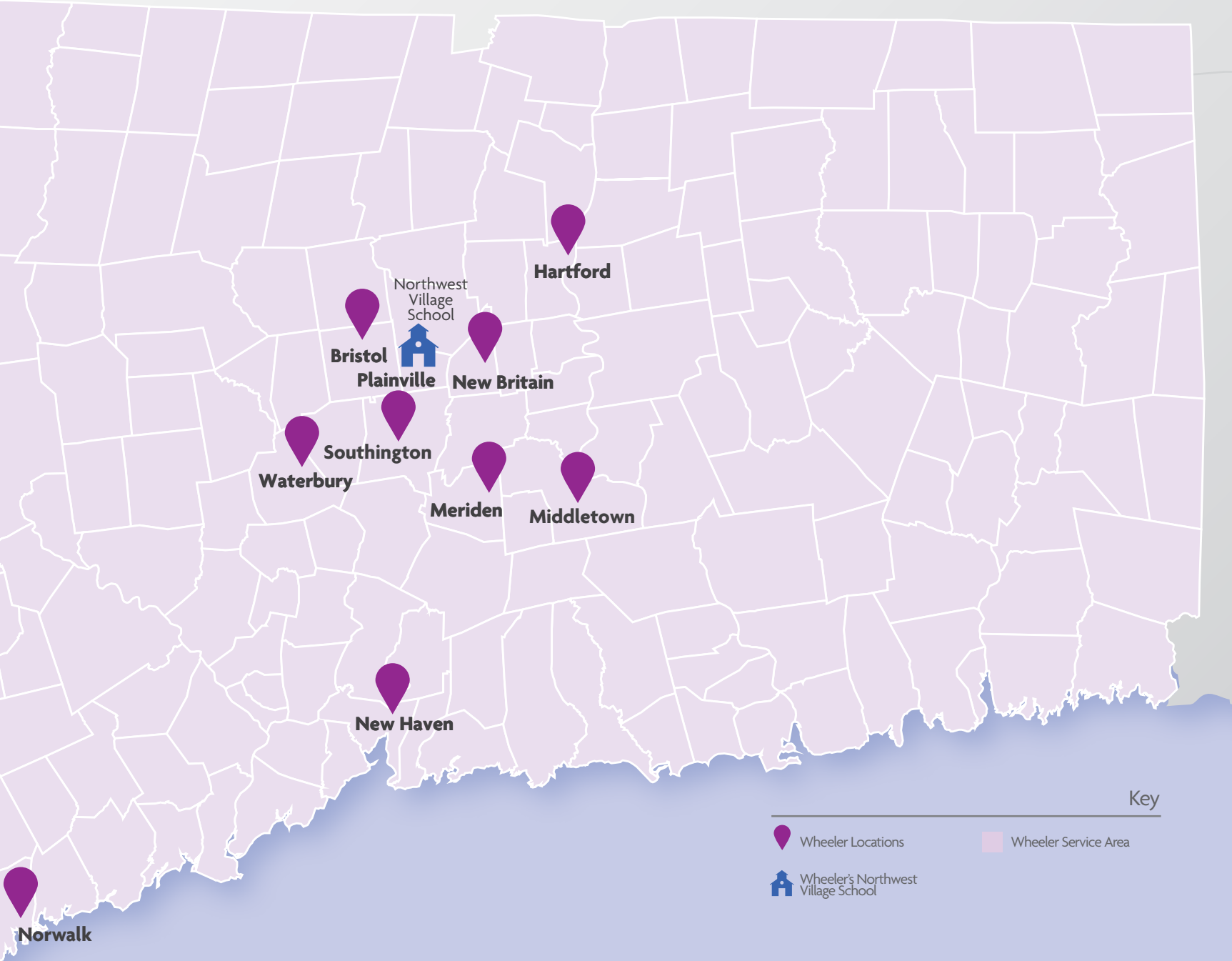
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# Wheeler Health: Working and Collaborating to Serve Our Communities Across Connecticut.



Key

-  Wheeler Locations
-  Wheeler Service Area
-  Wheeler's Northwest Village School





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