# **Northern Light Acadia Hospital Pediatric Outpatient Therapy Groups**

Mondays	Afternoon Unwind  Sarah Reinzo, LCSW  Grades: 1-3 / Ages: 5-8 4-5pm	Adolescent Eating Disorder Group Ashley Estes, LCPC (Starting end of Feb) Grades: 8-12 / Ages: 13-18 4-5pm			
Tuesdays	Pathways to Recovery  Christine Paul, LCSW  Grades: 9-12 / Ages: 14-18 6:30-730pm	Eating Disorder Parent Group (For parents of pts in ED program) Ashley Estes, LCPC  2nd Tuesday of month at 6pm 4th Tuesday of month at 12pm			
Wednesdays	Build Your Skills  Christine Bubar, LCSW  Grades: 4-6 / Ages: 9-12 4-5pm	Staying Connected with Middle School Peers  Brianna Graves, LMSW- CC  Grades: 6-8 / Ages: 11-14 4-5pm	Adult 12 Week Eating Disorder Group Phase II  Sara Porter, LCSW (Starting end of Feb) 4-5pm		
Thursdays	Growth After Trauma Christine Bubar, LCSW Grades: 9-12 / Ages: 14-18 4-5pm	High School Group  Shannon Murray, LCSW  Grades: 9-12 / Ages: 14-18 4-5pm	Adolescent Eating Disorder Group  Ashley Estes, LCPC Currently running this day until end of Feb.  Grades: 8-12 / Ages: 13-18 4-5pm	Adult 12 Week Eating Disorder Group Phase I  Ashley Estes, LCPC (Starting end of Feb) 4-5pm	Adult 12 Week Eating Disorder Group Phase I  Sara Porter, LCSW  Currently running Phase I  4-5pm
Fridays	Pathways to Recovery  Christine Paul, LCSW  Grades: 9-12 / Ages: 14-18 12pm – 1pm				

Learn more about these therapy group offerings below.



# **Therapy Group descriptions**

#### Afternoon Unwind - All Genders

End your day on a positive note by enjoying some calming activities, talking about things that may be stressors and learning coping skills. Our focus will be on communication and coping skills to help manage big emotions across settings. Fun supplies will be provided to participants through a free monthly subscription box, which will be mailed to the home.

#### Eating Disorder Parent Group - For parents of patients in eating disorder program

Purpose of group is to provide support, education and connection for parents and families of patients receiving group and or individual therapy for eating disorders within our clinic.

#### Pathways to Recovery - All Genders

Pathways to Recovery's goal is to provide young people the self-empowering, no shame/no blame support, and education needed to start and maintain their recovery journey. Group members will have the opportunity to learn four key components of breaking addictive behaviors, while participating in supportive discussions that encourages building and maintaining motivation, managing thoughts/feelings/behaviors, teaches ways of coping with urges, and guide the idea of living a balanced life.

#### **Build Your Skills - All Genders**

Purpose of group is to promote interpersonal connection while learning positive coping skills and building self-esteem. Participants will learn and practice social behaviors to work as part of team, make good decisions, communicate well with others and to handle conflict in healthy ways. Participants will also learn skills to deal with feelings, alternatives to aggression, and responding to bullying.

#### Staying Connected with Middle School Peers - All Genders

Support group for Middle School students (grades 6-8), to connect with one another and develop positive social interactions and to boost self-esteem.

## High School Group - All Genders

Safe, supportive environment for participants to discuss challenges, mental health issues, and other struggles that all teens can face with peer support, psychoeducation, and learning new therapeutic skills.

# **Growth After Trauma** – For participants identifying as female.

Traumatic events are those that can cause overwhelming anxiety or distress. Following traumatic experiences, youth often describe feeling empty, confused, and alone as they attempt to make sense of and cope with feelings of anger, sadness, and guilt. This group will offer support in a safe environment to foster growth, healing, and recovery. Preferred (but not required) that participants be in individual therapy as well.

## **Adolescent Eating Disorder Group – All Genders**

Support, therapy, and psychoeducation to those who have been diagnosed with an eating disorder and are actively working on their recovery. Preferred (but not required) that participants be in individual therapy as well.



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