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### Spaulding Youth Center Expands its Speech-Language Pathology Department

**Northfield, NH** – Spaulding Youth Center is excited to announce the recent expansion of its Speech-Language Pathology department. The department now consists of five professionals including two speech-language pathologists, a student beginning her speech-language pathology clinical fellowship, a speech-language assistant and a special education paraeducator pursuing speech and language certification.

This dedicated team will work together to support the complex needs of the children and young adults enrolled at Spaulding Youth Center.

Approximately 70% of Spaulding students require speech and language services and the organization is proud to offer these facilities on campus with dedicated resources. The department will work closely with Spaulding’s clinical and residential staff to collaborate on individual plans to lead to each student’s success.

“The growth and development of our Speech-Language Pathology department is making an extremely positive impact on our students and our program as a whole,” said Colleen Sliva, School Principal & Special Education Director of Spaulding Youth Center. “This team is dedicated to teaching our students how to best communicate. I am proud to say our students are learning vital communication skills that are improving their behavioral health and contributing to their success at Spaulding and beyond.”

This dynamic team collectively brings experience in various aspects of Speech-Language Pathology, including articulation, syntax, semantics, the use of low and high-tech augmentative and alternative communication devices. The department offers designated treatment space in



The Spaulding Youth Center Speech-Language Pathology department: (L to R): Shannon May-Najem, Morgan Bailey, Julie Irwin, and Rhoda Forrest. *Not shown:* Kristine Groz

its office and also adapts to individual needs by treating students in the classroom or elsewhere on campus.

**About Spaulding Youth Center**

Spaulding Youth Center is a leading provider of services for children and youth with neurological, emotional, behavioral, learning and/or developmental challenges, including Autism Spectrum Disorder and those who have experienced significant trauma, abuse or neglect. Services include academic, behavioral health, residential, foster care, health and wellness and family support. Spaulding Youth Center is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit. For information about Spaulding Youth Center, visit [www.spauldingyouthcenter.org](http://www.spauldingyouthcenter.org).

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