

CLINTON AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE AUTHORITY

Community Paramedicine in a Rural Community

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- ▶ Located in mostly rural and suburban Clinton County
- ▶ Small ALS agency doing about 3000 calls annually
- ▶ Not affiliated with any larger organization or system
- ▶ Predominately a "gap filler"
- ▶ Many "lifers" in our patient mix

WHO WE ARE...

- ▶ Support our patients and caregivers in obtaining or retaining their quality of life as they age.
 - ▶ Medication reconciliation
 - ▶ Assessments, both medical and social
 - ▶ Vital sign monitoring
 - ▶ Education regarding their health conditions
 - ▶ Prescriptions, miscellaneous errands
- ▶ Support caregivers with moral support and education
- ▶ Assist in connecting to other needed resources

WHAT WE DO...

- ▶ Primary care practices
- ▶ Local health department (Pathways)
- ▶ DHHS—adult protective services
- ▶ Local critical access hospital

OUR PARTNERS...

- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Training

OUR CHALLENGES...

- ▶ Building mutual beneficial partnerships, both locally and state-wide
- ▶ Maximizing the capabilities and flexibility our Agency to
 - ▶ Fill in local provider "gaps"
 - ▶ Support Telemedicine with low tech and no tech patients
 - ▶ Support our local part time school nurse
 - ▶ Onsite ISTAT labs
 - ▶ Evaluate and treat patients in their homes when transportation is a problem

OUR OPPORTUNITIES...

- ▶ BB: allowed her daughter to keep her promise of never having to go to a nursing home
- ▶ MR: allowed her to fulfill her wish of never leaving her home
- ▶ JA: Chronic health problems, significant psychological issues
 - ▶ Transported her 42 times last year
 - ▶ In the ED

OUR SUCCESSES...