



Foster Care and Community Programs Additional Services - Pennsylvania

Description

KidsPeace Foster Care and Community Programs (FCCP) offers a variety of additional services to meet the diverse needs of children and their families.

- **Kinship Foster Care** offers youth who need an out-of-home placement the opportunity to receive foster care services while residing in a relative's home. KidsPeace screens and approves relatives who are identified and referred by the placing agency. Once the application process has been completed and the relative's family has been approved by KidsPeace for Kinship Care, the related child is placed, and KidsPeace Foster Care Services are provided.
- **Diagnostic Foster Care** offers youth a diagnostic assessment in a less restrictive setting. Youth from birth to age 21 who meet eligibility requirements for KidsPeace Foster Care are provided with a comprehensive evaluation of intervention needs and recommendations, following a 60 – 90 day placement in a KidsPeace foster home. The diagnostic assessment includes psychiatric and psychological evaluations, a medical and dental report, a drug and alcohol evaluation if indicated, a comprehensive social history report of the youngster and his or her family, an educational summary and a milieu report of the youngster's observed behavior in the foster home. Reports are consolidated, and the team conducting the diagnostic evaluation makes recommendations for an individualized and appropriate plan of care and service.
- **Juvenile Offender Diversion Classes** offer services to youth who are first-time minor offenders. Designed to provide powerful educational experiences to youth and their parent/guardian, these classes serve the ultimate goal of diverting youngsters from the juvenile justice system. KidsPeace offers pre- and post-testing to participants to document outcomes. Successful completion of the series and its contractual obligation can result in dismissal of charges or fines, thereby reducing the caseload burden for the JPO and diverting the youth and family from the system. Topics covered in class may include: Orientation to the Juvenile Justice System, Behavioral Contracts, Victim Impact, Moral Decision-Making, Values Clarification, Problem-Solving, Community Resource Awareness and Community Service.
- **Juvenile Offender Programming** offers adjudicated delinquents who have emotional and behavior management issues a structured, less restrictive environment. Services are consistent with Balanced Restorative Justice principles such as intensive external structure, internal competency controls, victim awareness education and other accountability interventions. Caseworkers visit youth in the foster home to monitor compliance with program expectations and the individualized care plan that encourages competency development.

Not all services are available at each KidsPeace location. Individuals interested in making a referral, or who would like to determine service availability in their area, are encouraged to contact a local KidsPeace office:

Allentown – 610-799-8350	Doylestown – 215-348-3400	Danville – 570-271-0590
Scranton – 570-342-5444	Duncansville – 814-693-7708	New Cumberland – 717-770-1364
Honesdale – 570-253-7910	Reading – 610-374-0946	Schuylkill Haven – 570-385-6821
Williamsport – 570-326-7811		

For additional information or to make a referral placement in Pennsylvania, please contact one of our local offices or:

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