



Foster Care and Community Programs Life Paths: Grief and Loss Support for Delinquent Youth - Duncansville, Pennsylvania

Description

Life Paths is designed to help adjudicated delinquents to cognitively and affectively process significant events in their past in order to become more effectively prepared to assume a constructive role in society, outside of the legal system. Life Paths employs the “3-5-7 Model,” which focuses on: 1) Clarification of significant past events; 2) Integration, in a constructive manner, of those past events into the participant’s current life situation; and 3) Actualization, or helping the youth visualize a clearly defined, healthy, non-criminal role in society. Life Paths consist of ten face-to-face sessions with the referred individual. Most sessions are individual in nature, although occasionally group sessions may be held. Sessions are usually held at the KidsPeace office, although alternative sites can be the placement setting, community locations or the probation office.

Population Served

Life Paths is offered to delinquent youth who are under the supervision of Blair County Juvenile Probation. There is no formal age restriction, but it is anticipated that most participants in Life Paths will range between ages 12 and 21. Life Paths does not exclude participants based on any specific criminal conviction, but it is anticipated that referrals will not be a threat to self or others and are cognitively and affectively capable of processing information about their life and making plans for their future.

Services

- Ten sessions employing the “3-5-7” Model for grief counseling
- Development of an individualized Lifebook
- Development of a Restoration Plan relevant to the youth’s convicted offenses
- Submission to Juvenile Probation of Session Summaries and a Final Recommendation

Team Members

- Trained Life Paths facilitator
- KidsPeace supervisory staff
- Foster parents/placement staff
- Referring Probation Officer
- Case Judge

Staff-to-Client Ratio

In most cases, Life Paths will be offered as an individual face-to-face service, with a 1 to 1 client/staff ratio. Occasionally, Life Paths may be offered in a group setting, with a maximum of six participants per group.

Hours of Operation

The KidsPeace Duncansville, PA, office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with 24 hour on-call service always available.

For additional information or to make a referral for foster care placement in Pennsylvania, please contact one of our local offices or KidsPeace National Centers, Administrative Offices, 480 Pierce Street, Suite 320, New Bridge Center, Kingston, PA 18704 • 800-727-4482 • admissions@kidspeace.org • www.fostercare.com