

Multi-Systemic Therapy Program

MST programs in the Tri-County Area will smooth the transition for a child and his or her family from residential treatment facilities and long term placement to living at home.

Participants will be selected by Dep. Of Children and Families , targeted for release from placement and receive transitional therapeutic services for up to five months.

” New Life Charities “ Destiny Youth House

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Respite Program

Destiny’s Respite Program is designed to give parents a much needed rest from a child who has been identified as at-risk of out of home care. It is hoped families use this opportunity to spend quality time with remaining siblings or just enjoy some rest and relaxation.

The program is provided by qualified staff at the Destiny House Site located at 2005 Lumsden Rd. in Brandon FL. The program allows children to enjoy a social outing while building a bond with the staff. The goal of the program is to decrease family tension and possible placement of the children referred. The staff follows all guidelines set by the family and treatment teams to allow for smooth transition between home and respite.

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Turnabout Program

Chronic truancy disconnects youths from school and other services, and puts them at risk of out of home placement. The Turnabout program, Hillsborough, Pinellas and Pasco Counties will serve middle school youngsters. This program will provide school and home-based services for children and their families. This program brings the youngsters back to the classroom and keeps them from getting in trouble at school and elsewhere. Interventions include daily attendance, check-ins, academic assistance, and in-school advocacy. This program has been proven throughout the country when effectively implemented to have a 95 percent success rate in averting permanent or long term placement.

FAMILY CONNECTION= Family Connection is a four to six week intensive home based family preservation program offered in the Tri-County Area (Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco). This program focuses on helping parents develop skills to provide support, structure and supervision for their children..



ALTERNATIVE TO PLACEMENT
Alternative to placement program provides support for adjudicated youth and their families, when home-based counseling and other services are deemed to be viable alternative to placement.



FAMILY STRENGTHING
Destiny House through a grant from the Center on Substance Abuse Prevention, is implementing a Family Strengthening Model with parents of at risk-youth. Our Goal is to have at least 30 families graduate from the 16-18 week program per year.

Placement Prevention

Our placement prevention programs are less restrictive, providing support to help children and their families to stay together in their home communities. Destiny House works with youth who have been identified as being at risk of placement in out of home care, but are still living at home. The program provides a mix of counseling, advocacy, structure and support. Statewide placement with such programs is averted for more than 80 percent of the youths who participate in prevention programs, and most have no further involvement with the legal system. At the same time local government saves millions of dollars in placement cost.

Our target goal is to serve the 2/3 of the preventable long term placed individuals who are thrown into the system unnecessarily. Also serving the parents and siblings and other family members who complete these youngsters community support base.