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Foster Care-Kinship Care
Adoption
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Group Home
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Pottstown

Foster Care - Adoption
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Residential Admissions

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Pottsville

Group Home
570-622-5015

PLACEMENT SERVICES

- RESIDENTIAL CARE
 - Short & Extended Placement
 - Diagnostic & Evaluation Services
- GROUP HOME CARE
 - Philadelphia - Allegheny House
 - Pottsville - Cloud Home
- FOSTER CARE
 - Specialized Foster Care
 - Kinship Care
- ADOPTION

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Founded in 1871 in Scranton, Friendship House is Northeastern Pennsylvania's oldest children's charity. It is the region's only provider of care and mental health treatment for both boys and girls with emotional difficulties from toddlers to adolescents, through a full range of programs.

Friendship House has given more than refuge and safe haven to children tossed by the storms of life. For 135 years, it has given children hope and tangible possibilities. With the love, structure and skills they receive at Friendship House, these children take the first positive steps toward the dream of a happy life all children deserve.

The goal at Friendship House is to return a child to his or her community, with an improved appreciation of self, enhanced social skills and a functional loving family.



Admissions and Referrals

Friendship House is committed to providing care at the earliest moment in the child's best interest and to provide that care in the child's own locale whenever possible. When children are assisted locally, families can be directly involved in the treatment. Research indicates the more family involvement, the greater the child's chance for sustained success.

Criteria for Admissions

Appropriate for admission to Friendship House are children who have social, emotional and behavioral difficulties which require specialized services.

Sources referring children to Friendship House may include County Children and Youth Services, School Districts, Day Care and Head Start Centers, the Juvenile Justice System, as well as physicians and parents.

Not accepted for admission are children who present an immediate danger to themselves or others, are actively psychotic, or possess acute drug or alcohol addiction or mental retardation.

The Mission of Friendship House.....

is to provide a continuum of quality programs designed to enhance the emotional, behavioral and social well being of children and families in the communities we serve. Adapting to society's ever-changing needs will enable Friendship House to sustain this mission as it has since its founding in 1871.

Group Home Cloud Home - Pottsville

Cloud Home was developed as the result of an inter-agency collaboration among Schuylkill County Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Schuylkill County Children & Youth, the Pottsville School District and the Intermediate Unit. It is designed to serve adolescent boys who reside in Schuylkill County.

Adolescent boys referred to Cloud Home must have either demonstrated successful completion of their goals and objectives in residential care or have failed to achieve their goals and objectives in less restrictive levels of care. Cloud Home is not intended to serve adolescents for extended periods of time, but rather to prepare them to return home or to foster family care. Cloud Home also provides emergency shelter placement with the length of stay not to exceed 30 days.



Out-of-Home Placement

Criteria

*Boys
Ages 12 to 18*

Mental Status: Boys with mild social, emotional, or behavioral disturbances

Exclusions:

Actively Psychotic, Suicidal, Homicidal or Significant Fire-Setting Tendencies; Severe Sexual Acting-out, Autism.

Adoption



Out-of-Home Placement

When reunification of a child with his or her birth family is not possible, adoption may become the permanent goal. The Friendship House Adoption Program prepares interested and qualified families to become adoptive parents for children identified throughout SWAN - the state-wide adoption network.

As a SWAN-affiliate, Friendship House offers all components of the adoption process, including family and child profiles, child-specific recruitment, child placement, child preparation, finalization and the post-permanency services of case assessment and case management.

Criteria

Boys & Girls
Ages Infants to Adolescents

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Foster Care

Specialized Foster Care

Foster parents provide a stable, nurturing environment for children from birth to age 18 who can no longer reside with their natural families due to emotional or social difficulties or family crisis. The goal of foster care is reunification of the child with the biological family whenever possible. Friendship House offers training, financial reimbursement, and referral to community services and interventions as needed.

Children in foster care come to the attention of Friendship House through referrals from county Children and Youth Services. They are referred to foster care when all other means of preventing placement have been exhausted or when it is determined that a child is in imminent danger of further abuse if allowed to remain in the current environment. In some instances, fostering may offer the opportunity for adoption. Only the Courts and Children and Youth System have the authority to decide if parental rights should be terminated and a child is legally free for adoption. If this occurs, a foster family may be assessed as a potential adoptive source.

Criteria

Boys & Girls

Infants to Adolescents

Transportation for Admission Available

Mental Status: Children with mild to moderate behavioral problems who are in touch with reality; IQ 70 or Above

Exclusions:

Clinical Issues which require a higher level of intervention will be assessed on an individual basis, and may include Drug & Alcohol Problems;

Psychotic, Suicidal or Homicidal or Fire-Setting Tendencies;

Severe Sexual-Acting-Out.

Kinship Care



Kinship Care (caretaker) is a 24-hour out-of-home living arrangement providing care and supervision for a child in the approved home of a relative or family friend. Kinship Care homes must meet the same criteria for approval as foster family homes.

Various levels of Kinship Care are designed to meet the specific needs of each child. Kinship Care services may treat the child who requires out-of-home placement but no other specialized care or treatment, as well as those children who require specialized services in addition to out-of-home care. Out-of-home placement and supervision of teen-age mothers and their babies is also available.

All children in foster care have their own unique needs. These children have undergone traumatic experiences and are in need of love, safety and nurturing, as are all children.

Criteria

Boys & Girls

Infants to Adolescents

Transportation for Admission Available

Mental Status: Children with mild to moderate behavioral problems who are in touch with reality; IQ 70 or Above

Exclusions:

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Psychotic, Suicidal or Homicidal or Fire-Setting Tendencies;

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Group Home Care Allegheny House - Philadelphia

Allegheny House is a 24-hour, non-secure community-based supervised living arrangement for boys. Allegheny House provides a group living experience in a family-like setting, designed to offer children and adolescents a transition or step-down alternative living environment. The program also offers supervision in a group-arrangement for children and adolescents who are unable to function in less structured levels of care.

Positive child growth and development are the focus of structured recreational and religious activities, life-skills training, cultural experiences, as well as employment education.

Ancillary services such as education counseling, medical, dental and mental health services are also coordinated by the group home staff.

Out-of-Home Placement

Criteria

Boys

Ages 9 to 16

Mental Status: Boys with mild social, emotional, or behavioral disturbances

Exclusions:

Actively Psychotic, Suicidal, Homicidal or Significant Fire-Setting Tendencies; Severe Sexual Acting-out, Autism.

Residential Care



Residential Care is a highly structured program for children 6 to 16 who are unable to live at home due to serious emotional problems which interfere with family or community life, or an unstable family situation. Residential care offers a safe, nurturing living environment.

Children in residential care are enrolled in the Friendship House Day Partial Hospitalization Program where they receive clinical services and therapeutic activities.

Children also receive a prescribed program of psycho-educational treatment through the Friendship House School, a private residential rehabilitation facility licensed by the PA Department of Education for children in care. These supportive interventions improve the child's well-being and prepare him or her to return home, or be transferred into another stable living situation following treatment.

Short-Term Diagnosis & Evaluation

Children may be admitted to Friendship House for a 45-day short-term diagnosis and evaluation of behavioral problems. This allows the child to receive prompt identification of his or her treatment needs and stabilization, in a community setting close to family members.

Out-of-Home Placement

Criteria

Boys & Girls

Ages 6 to 16

Transportation for Admission Available

Mental Status: Children with mild to moderate behavioral problems who are in-touch with reality;

IQ 70 or Above

Exclusions:

Autism, Psychotic, Suicidal, Homicidal or Significant Fire-Setting Tendencies; Severe Sexual Acting-out.