

*Independent Living:
Successful Transition to
Adulthood*

Crosswinds Youth Services is contracted by Community Based Care of Brevard to coordinate and implement Independent Living Services for Brevard County youth in foster care ages 13 to 17 and young adults who have exited out of foster care, ages 18 to 23.

The program prepares youth for successful adulthood and self-sufficiency by offering life skills training and supportive services, with a focus on preparation for entrance into the workforce and/or post-secondary education.



For general information about Crosswinds services, to volunteer, or to make a donation, call 452-0800, or visit the web site: www.crosswindsyouthservices.org. Your donations to Crosswinds, a 501(c)(3) charity, are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

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CROSSWINDS' PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- **Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter**, a 24-Hour Emergency Shelter for young people in crisis ages 10 to 17
- **Transitional Living Program** provides housing, support, and skill development for young adults ages 16-21 to prepare for successful adulthood
- **Rainwater Center**, a day treatment program for girls in the juvenile justice system
- Assessment and referrals at the **Brevard Juvenile Assessment Center**
- **Civil Citation**, an alternative to arrest for youth under 18 who commit certain misdemeanor offenses
- **Community Counseling/Case Management** for at risk youth and their families
- **Family Therapy** program for youth on probation
- **Project Safe Place** where children access help through businesses and public buildings
- **PAWS Therapy Dog Program**, reading enhancement through the use and interaction of therapy dogs
- **Street Outreach** to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth

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Independent Living Services



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Crosswinds was founded in 1974 to provide support to youth in crisis and has been providing services to youth and families in Brevard County for over thirty years.

Crosswinds provides services to thousands of young people and families each year, through programs designed to strengthen families and offer young people the support, skills and opportunities they need to succeed.

**Crosswinds Youth
Services**

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**Crosswinds' Independent
Living Services**

General Eligibility Criteria

- Young men and women between the ages of 13 and 23, currently in foster care or aged out of foster care
- Willing to participate in the program

Services Available

- Life Skills Training
- Individualized Assessment
- Case Management Services
- Educational Services
- Job Preparation and Attainment
- Financial Assistance
- Referrals for Substance Abuse Prevention or Treatment
- Referrals for Counseling

Referral Process

Referrals are made to the Independent Living Services Program Director or Case Manager for an initial screening. A personal interview appointment will be scheduled to learn more about the program and assess the referral's eligibility for this type of program.

Additional Information

For additional information on Independent Living Services, contact Christine Barker, Program Director, at 321-452-0800, ext. 216, or Karen Locke, Chief Operating Officer, at 321-452-0800, ext. 130.

If you are a youth, parent
or friend seeking services

PLEASE CALL OUR
24 Hour Crisis

Information and Referral Line

321.452.0800