

Youth Turns Life Around: Determined to Help Others



"I was a self-destructive teenage girl who was looking for love in all the wrong places. I got caught up in the wrong crowd and

was introduced to drugs. Not long after I entered my rebellious stage, I was arrested on a domestic violence charge. After various charges and spending four months in a juvenile detention facility, I was sentenced to two years probation.

As soon as I started Rainwater Center, I found belonging and acceptance. Rainwater didn't just teach me my required education. They also offered weekly counseling and classes teaching us to deal with real world conflicts such as health issues, how to relieve stress, job hunting skills, ways to deal with people, and many more.

After ten months, I successfully graduated with a 3.5 GPA. I managed to maintain no lower than a 3.4 until my high school graduation. I now attend BCC and will further my education in criminal justice. My ultimate goal is to become a director for a program like Rainwater so that I may help young people who are having problems as I had.

Still to this day, I keep in touch with the people who touched my life at Crosswinds. Crosswinds has made an everlasting impact on my life that will never be forgotten."

~ Ashley, Former Rainwater Youth

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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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
- **Intensive Delinquency Diversion Services**, a comprehensive program for first-time juvenile offenders and their families
- Assessment and referrals at the **Brevard Juvenile Assessment Center**
- **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
- **Independent Living Services** for youth transitioning from foster care to adulthood
- **Street Outreach** to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth

CROSSWINDS YOUTH SERVICES

Rainwater Center for Girls



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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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CREDIBILITY • INTEGRITY • ACHIEVEMENT

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**Rainwater
Center for Girls**

Eligibility Criteria

- Adolescent females between the ages of 12 and 18.
- Currently on “probationary” status or Minimum Commitment with the juvenile court.
- Willing to participate in the program and not currently using drugs or alcohol.

Services Available

- Academics
- Community Service
- Educational Support Services
- Parenting Skills
- Mentoring
- Life and Social Skills
- Leisure Skills
- Individual, Group and Family Counseling
- Recreation
- PAWS on Reading Program

Referral Process

Referrals are made to the **Rainwater Center for Girls** by their Juvenile Probation Officer (JPO), Eckerd Re-Entry Counselor, or by the order of a judge.

For additional information on the Rainwater Center for Girls, contact 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

