

Transitional Living: An Opportunity for Successful Independence

"When Crosswinds took me in, they gave me vocational skills and helped me



secure a job. They provided counseling that helped me cope with family issues and anger. I got my GED.

I wanted to go to college. They assisted me with receiving financial aid.

If it wasn't for Crosswinds, I would be a street junkie. Or I would be in prison. Or I would be dead...and that is a fact. Before Crosswinds, my attitude was poor. But I had a chance to change before things got really bad. It was a great place to be.

These people genuinely cared."

~ Michael, Former Transitional Living Youth

For general information about Crosswinds services, to volunteer, or to make a donation, call 452-0800, or visit the web site: [www.crosswindseyouthservices.org](http://www.crosswindseyouthservices.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

### Transitional Living Program



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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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**Transitional Living  
Program**

Eligibility Criteria

- Young men and women between the ages of 16 and 21.
- Currently homeless, without a safe and stable living situation.
- Willing to participate in the program and not currently using drugs or alcohol.

Services Available

- Room and Board
- Life Skills Training
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Health Education
- Individualized Assessment
- Service Planning
- Case Management Services
- Access to Mental Health Care
- Access to Physical Health Care
- Counseling
- Educational Services
- Job Preparation and Attainment

Referral Process

Referrals are made to the Transitional Living Program Coordinator 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 readiness for this type of program. For additional information on the Transitional Living Program, 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**

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