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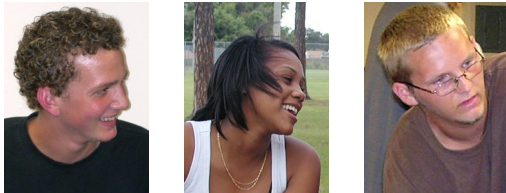
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Crosswinds was founded in 1974 to provide support to youth in crisis and has been providing services to youth and families in Brevard County for forty years.

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.

Visit us at crosswindsyouthservices.org



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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
- 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
- **Project Safe Place** where children access help through businesses and public buildings
- **Independent Living Services** for youth transitioning from foster care to adulthood
- **Counseling Services** provide individual, group and family counseling with an individualized approach
- **Street Outreach** to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth
- **SNAP**(®) (CDI) helps troubled children ages 6-11 and their parents learn how to effectively manage their emotions and 'keep problems small', with the goal to keep children in school and out of trouble.

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“Without Crosswinds there would be no me.”

— Marcus’ Story

Marcus came to the Crosswinds shelter when other living arrangements didn’t work out. Crosswinds opened their doors for Marcus, and he is glad that they did. If it weren’t for Crosswinds, he believes, he would be in jail, involved with drugs, or worse. Marcus wasn’t always so optimistic about coming to Crosswinds, but in a very short time he found that the staff and the programs offered were only there to help him. He is beyond grateful for that. “Crosswinds has changed my entire life,” Marcus said. “Without Crosswinds there would be no me.”

Marcus is currently working on his GED. He loves the idea of being a college student and looks forward to reaching his goal of attending college in the future. Marcus thanks Crosswinds and the staff for encouraging him and helping him realize his dreams. “They never gave up on me.”



Each day our financial supporters, community partners and volunteers are helping our young people and families for a better tomorrow.

To all of you, from all of us at Crosswinds, our sincerest thanks.



U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

If you are a youth, parent or friend seeking services

**PLEASE CALL OUR
24 Hour
Crisis Information
and Referral Line
321.452.0800**



Crosswinds touches the lives of over 3,000 children, youth and families annually, with:

- **Intensive residential and community based services**
- **Crisis information and referral calls**



Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc. is licensed by the State of Florida Department of Children and Families as a Child Placing Agency and a Child Caring Agency.



Staying at Crosswinds helped her put things into perspective. — Katie’s Story

Katie came to Crosswinds because she needed a place to help her with personal issues. Katie says her stay at Crosswinds was just what she needed. “Being away from my family for awhile helped me a lot. I really missed them and realized just how much they cared.” Staying at Crosswinds helped her put things into perspective and gain the skills to make positive choices. Katie realized what she wanted out of life and that her past choices were only holding her back from reaching her dreams.

Since her stay at Crosswinds, Katie has made many positive changes in her life. She applied for and was awarded a scholarship through Crosswinds, funded by the Eckerd Family Foundation, which helped pay for her training to become a phlebotomist. Similar scholarships are now made available through Crosswinds’ Amy’s Opportunity Fund from several donors. Katie is now attending college with the goal of becoming a nurse. She wants everyone to know how great Crosswinds is for teens. Katie continues to enjoy being a part of the organization’s events and says she always looks forward to seeing everyone at Crosswinds who has helped her so much.

Crosswinds is committed to helping vulnerable young people overcome serious issues such as homelessness, abuse and neglect, delinquency, running away, truancy, and other challenges.

Last year Crosswinds touched the lives of well over 3,000 youth and their families through programs and services designed to help them move past crisis and toward a successful future.

To make a contribution, please make checks payable to Crosswinds Youth Services.

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