

OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CROSSWINDS YOUTH SERVICES, INC.

For almost 50 years, Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc. ("Crosswinds") has been serving youth and families of Brevard County. Starting from humble beginnings on Merritt Island, to our current modern Cocoa based campus, our doors have been open, and our lights on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a week, without fail to fulfill our mission to provide a safe, caring and welcoming place for youth in need.

Each year Crosswinds serves hundreds of families and at-risk youth through multiple programs designed to strengthen families and offer young people the support, skills and opportunities they need to succeed. In Brevard County, many of these services are unique to Crosswinds, and we help fill an important and otherwise unmet need for youth who are in crisis, families that are struggling to manage difficult behavioral issues, and to law enforcement officers that find themselves in the middle of critical family situations. Crosswinds is a strong community based resource, and we stand ready to help. Any day, any time!

The Board of Directors of Crosswinds would like to correct recent reports regarding the operational status of Crosswinds.

We are Open for Business!

Our top priority remains the safety and well-being of the children in our care, employees, and the community we serve. Crosswinds continues to provide a wide array of services through our Community Counseling, Stop Now and Plan (SNAP) programs, the Juvenile Assessment Center, and our Independent Living Services. The Robert E. Lehton Children's Shelter remains open and continues to provide emergency residential services to youth in crisis.

The continued support from our local community is noticed and appreciated by our team! We continue to work diligently every day to make positive change in the lives of our clients and their families.

For more information about our array of services we provide in Brevard County, or to find out how you can contribute, please visit our website at <u>http://www.crosswindsyouthservices.org</u> or call us at (321) 452-0800.

We're Ready to Help!