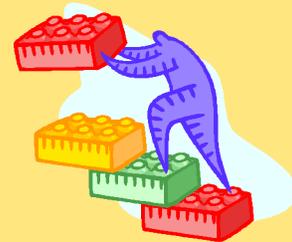


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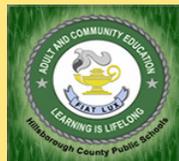
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# CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMS

## **Clinical Services Division**

This program was established to respond to the community's need for delinquency prevention and family counseling. Its mission is to provide the best possible care and treatment for children and families. In addition to providing individual and family counseling, parent education classes are offered.

## **Child Care Licensing**

The Child Care Licensing office licenses and regulates the operation of child care facilities and family day care homes in Hillsborough County. It conducts periodic inspections, investigates complaints filed against these facilities, and takes enforcement action as deemed necessary. Information packets for starting child care facilities and family day care homes are provided to local residents. Technical assistance is available to providers on issues relating to child care. Facilities and family day care home files are available for review by parents who are seeking child care.

## **Child & Family Counseling Program**

Family counseling is provided to promote communication in the family and to work on making living as a family a success. Individual counseling is provided to work on issues that the individual might be having which are affecting the family. Group counseling is offered to provide support in dealing with difficult issues also experienced by others.

## **Emergency Shelter Care Program**

The Emergency Shelter Care Program provides emergency shelter, including counseling and medical care to 40 dependent male and female children ages 6-17, placed by the Community Based Care Lead Agency, Hillsborough Kids, Inc. Twenty-four hour, seven day per week supervision is provided in a structured and nurturing environment.

## **Head Start/Early Head Start Division**

This program promotes school readiness by enhancing the development of children through the provision of educational, medical, dental, mental health, nutritional, parent involvement and family support services to enrolled children and families. Head Start serves over 3,000 low-income families with children birth to four years old annually and is one of the largest grantees for Head Start in the southeastern United States.

## **Independent/Transitional Living Program - GATES (Girls Advancing to Empowerment and Self-Sufficiency)**

GATES is an Independent/Transitional Living Program serving young women ages 16-20, who may or may not be in the foster care system. The program involves three levels enabling participants to grow with the program. During their stay in the program, clients participate in the following services: assessment, development of individualized service plans, counseling, and life skills education. Girls are required to work full or part-time, depending on their participation in an education program.

## **In-Home Respite Services for Children with Developmental Disabilities**

The In-Home Respite Care Program provides short periods of time to the caregivers of non-medically complex, developmentally disabled children to permit them to take care of activities that would otherwise be difficult or impossible to accomplish while caring for their child. The program allows for maximum amount of flexibility by allowing the respite to be provided in four to eight-hour blocks from two to four times a month at the convenience of the family.

## **Family Treatment Program - FTP**

The FTP Program offers treatment services in both Day as well as Residential Treatment program settings. Children in both programs attend the Dorothy Thomas Exceptional Center, which is co-located on the Hillsborough County Department of Children's Services main campus. Families and children are offered counseling, parent education, therapy and parent support group opportunities.

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