



Economic Self Sufficiency: *Preparing the Next Generation*

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Case Managing within a Family Plan

- 3 Family Services case managers with at least 4 years clinical assessment experience in Substance Abuse, Mental Health and/or Learning Disabilities. These counselors work with the adults within the home.
- 3 Youth Counselors with at least four years experience in educational intervention services. These counselors work with the children within the home.
- 1 Homeownership Counselor – This counselor works with participants of all ages with budgeting, credit counseling and eventually homeownership.

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Coordination of Services

- Family Counselor and Youth Counselor work together within the home. Each having their own primary focus of family members.
- Family Counselor is the lead counselor within the home.
- Youth Counselor brings family issues to the Family Counselor when intervention is needed with the parent.
- Family Counselor refers family to homeownership counselor when credit or budgeting assistance is needed or for preparation for homeownership.

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Team Review

- All case management staff meets weekly.
- Each counselor presents no less than two of their current clients.
- Case manager's presentation includes: strengths, goals, barriers, and their current self sufficiency rating.

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Purpose of Team Review

- Formal venue for discussion of situations that other counselors may be able to assistance.
- Check and balance for counselor's activities.
- Team analysis of overall progress of participant.
- Amendments will be made to IDP's as needed.
- Reduced stress of counselor with team approach.

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Self Sufficiency Rating

- Able-bodied adults are rated on 8 different dimensions to come up with the total rating (income, employment, education, social skills, motivation, support system, transportation and childcare.)
- Youth are rated on 7 different dimensions to come up with the total rating (grades, attendance, tardiness, behavior, social skills, support system and motivation)
- Each dimension is broken into six levels.
- The overall rating is the average that rates them from 1-self sufficient to 6-in crisis.

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Role of a youth counselor

(Caseload consists of school age youth ages 5-18)

- Complete Assessment of child's school and home life.
- Academic and Behavioral monitoring
- Intervention Services
- Role Model for Parent and Youth
- Referral Agent for Youth Needs
- Encourager for Youth and Parent
- Provide opportunities to expand youth's experience



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Complete Assessment of Youth

Assessment is completed on two different levels:

- General Assessment
 - Family Members
 - Family Life and Home Environment
 - Health
 - School Assessment
 - Study Habits
 - After School Activities
 - Youth's Plan for their Future
- Risky Behavior (12-18 year olds with parental permission)
 - Gangs
 - Alcohol and Drug Use
 - Sexual Activity



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Academic and Behavioral Monitoring

- Academic monitoring
 - Grades are checked no less than every nine weeks and more often with difficult subjects.
 - Classroom observation
- Behavioral monitoring
 - Behavioral reports are requested every nine weeks
- Makes themselves known to all teachers, guidance counselors and specialists working with the child.
- Assists parents in setting up meeting with school officials as needed.
- Attends all Individual Educational Plan (IEP) meetings with parent.
- Arranges intervention services as needed.

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Intervention Services

- Encourages medical exams annually and as needed.
- Encourages eye exams as needed.
- Mental Health Counseling
- Substance Abuse Counseling
- Teen Pregnancy/Prevention Counseling
- Individual Tutoring
- Speech Therapy



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Role Model for Parent and Youth

- Encourages parental involvement in children's education
- Models advocacy for child's education for parent
- Models appropriate behaviors and encourages it in youth.
 - Social Interaction
 - Conflict Resolution
 - Decision Making Skills
 - Goal Setting

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Referral Agent for Youth Needs

- Encourage involvement in extra-curricular activities of choice (sports, cheerleading, music, clubs, fitness programs, etc.)
- Arranges for after school program.
- Arranges for employment preparation training.
- Assists with after school employment opportunities.

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Encourager for Parent and Youth

- Encourages parental involvement in child's education
- Assists the parent in taking a lead role in their child's education.
- Encourages the children to strive to do their best in all areas.
- Keeps youth focused on future.

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Provide opportunities to expand youth's experience

- Field Trips scheduled on weekends, school breaks and summer vacation
- Group sessions on topics of interest
- Quiz Teams
- College Tours for older youth
- Fund Raising for trips and grade incentive programs



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The Housing Authority of the City of Greenville, SC's Hope VI Youth Program

289 school age youth (5-18) –

Begin - 99% academic and/or behavioral issues/ 1% parental involvement

Now

45% - Performing at grade level – (C or better)

12% - Performing with A/B or all A grades

19 - Improved grades significantly (more than 1 grade point)

2 - Significantly strides against the odds
(Symphony, Sought out by Stanford)

14% - Parental Involvement

5 - High school graduates

1 – Attending College



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