



SAFE PASSAGES

... a single point of entry for transitional services for Division of Youth Corrections youth and families who reside or will reside in the Jefferson County area. It is a unique, seamless partnership joining resources of Jefferson Hills and Jefferson Center and their combined expertise of juvenile justice, mental health, child welfare, and the court system.

The goal of the program is to reduce length of stay and reduce recidivism by providing intensive, coordinated, comprehensive and time limited transition services.

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FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION
FOR YOUTH FROM
OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT
TO THE COMMUNITY

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SAFE PASSAGES, Formulated With DYC Goals And Objectives In Mind

Specifically Including:

- Matching interventions to each youth's documented criminogenic needs, risks, and protective factors using the CJRA
- Providing support for treatment gains in the youth's natural communities
- Using evidence based practices and those promising practices based on evidence based theory
- Maximizing motivation and success for increased successful community re-integration and decreased recidivism

Why SAFE PASSAGES?

- Single point of access
- Guaranteed timely, quick access
- Aftercare planning and coordination before release, preferably at admission
- Assessment and focused treatment around transition risk factors, criminogenic risk factors, and protective factors
- Singular commitment to coordination, communication, and integration between all providers, and with DYC
- An extensive continuum of services and treatment options with the best resources of both organizations
- Featured services and programs such as access to adolescent psychiatry and evidenced-based home treatment options such as FFT and MST

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Services

Services will be provided for an average of 60-90 days for eligible referrals

All youth receive a pre-transition, targeted needs assessment from the Safe Passages Transitions Coordinator and Safe Passages team. This includes an individualized array of services to be established for each Safe Passages youth, with approval from DYC.

Services may include:

- outpatient individual and family therapy,
- group therapy,
- in-home family therapy, Functional Family Therapy (FFT), Multi Systemic Therapy (MST),
- case management (including school and vocational assistance when needed),
- benefits advocacy,
- medication evaluation and management,
- crisis intervention,
- benefits advocacy,
- treatment and discharge planning,
- the ROAD services including: Next Step program (GED tutoring, job preparation and search, help with resume writing and job readiness certificate), independent living skills classes, healthy relationship groups,
- outcome data reporting.

Eligibility

Youth from any residential treatment center that will be returning to Jefferson County needing transitional and/or mental health services.

In addition, client managers may refer parolees for services to divert recidivism as indicated.

Emergency respite at Jefferson Hills will be available to youth enrolled in SAFE PASSAGES during the program on a 24/7 basis.

