

ProDES Program Design Inventory 2002-2003 Report

First Home Foster Care

Last Updated: 5/2/2002

Agency: Alternative Behavioral Services

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Probation District in which Program is Located: Central

Organizational/Classification Information

Date Program Began: 12/13/1999

DHS Classification: Foster Care

RTF Certification:

Average Length of Stay (Months): 9

Security Level of Program: Open

Does Program Conduct Follow-Up: No

Program Licenses

Foster Family Care Agency

Administration of Private Children & Youth Soc Services A

Target Population

Minimum Age: 10

Maximum Age: 21

Total Client Capacity: 34

Maximum # of Philadelphia Clients: 34

Gender(s): Both

Are Any Services Delivered Coed: No

Racial/Ethnic Background of Target Population: N/A

Zip Codes Served by Program:

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Problems/Needs of Target Population

Can't live in their homes
Dual diagnosis
Mental Health issues
Need permanency planning
On or need medication
Oppositional defiant
Physically isolated from family
Post traumatic stress disorder

Grounds for Program Rejection

Arson
Low IQ
Major psychiatric illness
Physical or medical restrictions/disabilities
Unwilling to participate in program

Grounds for Program Removal

Chronic treatment non-compliance
Non-compliance with program rules
Physical Aggression
Repeated AWOLs

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Program Mission:

1. To provide necessary clinical treatment services, which are behavioral, psychological, and psychosocial in orientation. These services are offered in the least restrictive, most normalized environment for children and youth.
2. Strengthen and preserve kinship ties with family of origin (when clinically appropriate) and to work toward successful family reunification
3. Support the establishment of other long-term stable family living arrangements by the appropriate adoption/placement agency when reunification with the birth family is not possible
4. Provide on-going competency based training to therapeutic foster families in order to help them effectively deal with the severe psychological, emotional, social and educational needs of children and youth placed in their homes, as well as to value, understand, and more effectively address the issues of cultural diversity
5. Monitor to ensure that children and youth

Program Objectives

Primary

- Avoid risky behaviors and peers
- Avoid/decrease aggressive behavior
- Improve Family Communication
- Increase School Attendance
- Involve Family in Program
- Prevent Delinquency or Recidivism
- Reintegrate Client into Family Environment
- Stabilize Family
- Stabilize Mental Health Problems
- Understand and Manage Anger

Secondary

- Assess/Improve Personal Hygiene/Health
- Develop Financial Management Skills
- Develop Job Related Skills
- Develop Life/Living Skills
- Youth is familiar with prosocial behaviors and hob

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Program Activities

Academic/Votech/Skills Services

Financial management
<i>In the Home</i>
<i>24-Hours a Day</i>
<i>hours per week</i>

Housekeeping
<i>In the Home</i>
<i>24-Hours a Day</i>
<i>hours per week</i>

Job Training
<i>Onsite</i>
<i>In the Home</i>
<i>hours per week</i>

Counseling Services

Anger Management
<i>In the Home</i>
<i>hours per week</i>
<i>Usually taught by foster family</i>

Individual Counseling
<i>1 hours per week</i>

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Individual Therapy with a Licensed Therapist

<i>Onsite</i>	<i>During and After School</i>
<i>Alternative Site</i>	<i>1 hours per week</i>

Psychotropic medication

<i>In the Home</i>	<i>Daily</i>
	<i>hours per week</i>

Family/Parent Services

Home Passes/Family Visit

<i>Onsite</i>	<i>Evenings & Weekends</i>
<i>In the Home</i>	<i>1 hours per week</i>

Visits to Home by Staff

<i>In the Home</i>	<i>Evenings</i>
	<i>hours per week</i>

Recreation/Arts/Hobbies

Boys/Girl Scouts

<i>Alternative Site</i>	
	<i>hours per week</i>

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Sports at Program

Onsite

In the Home

hours per week

Supervision Services

Service Referrals/ Wrap Around

Onsite

hours per week

Notes:

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Staff Information

Total # of Direct-Care Staff:	3	# of Licensed Social Workers:	0
# Female:	0	# of Licensed Staff (excluding LSW):	0
# Male:	3	Minimum Education Requirements:	Undergraduate Degree
# White:	0	Training Hrs w/i 90 Days of Employment:	40
# African-American:	3	In-Service Training Hrs Per Year:	40
# Hispanic:	0	Is Related Work Experience Required:	Yes
# Asian:	0	Does the Program Use Volunteers:	No
# Other Race:	0		
# of Clients Per Direct-Care Staff:	11		
Staff Turnover During Previous Calendar Year:	0		