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In August 2011, the Career Pathways to Independence Program was an exciting addition to the youth services at the Hibiscus Village. A very generous grant from Indian River Impact 100 funded the initial program.

The Career Pathways Program has been sustained since its inception through our wonderful supporters. Hibiscus has partnered with many Indian River community-based organizations, businesses, foundations, and individuals who have graciously donated, provided grant awards, in-kind services and community internships for our youth.

**All because of YOUR support.
Thank you for changing the lives of youth.**

OUR MISSION

To maintain a safe shelter for children who are abused, abandoned and neglected by providing prevention, early intervention, and advocacy in quality residential, assessment and recovery programs.

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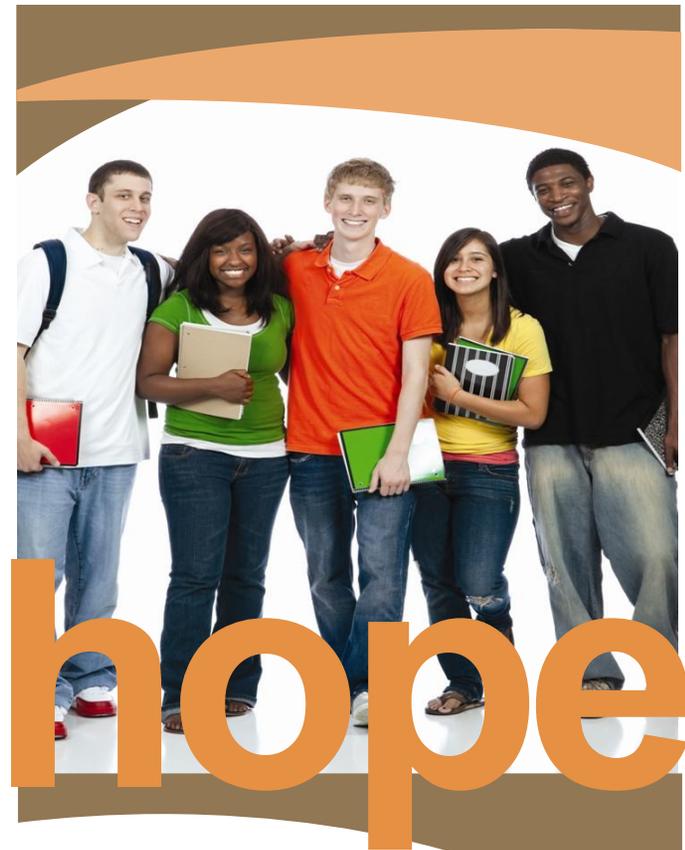
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for abused youth

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Independence Program**

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**Career Pathways Program
at the Hibiscus Village**



Our Home

The Village is a 40-bed group home facility that opened its doors in May, 2004 to provide a safe haven for abused youth. There are 8 homes which include a GED Lab, a campus center, and outdoor activity/basketball area.

Our Youth

Youth, ages 13 to 17, are removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect and/or abandonment by the State. The youth are placed at the Village for a few days, months, or sometimes, even years. Many youth will "age out of the system" with us at age 18.

Career Pathways Overview

Youth, ages 13 – 17, participate in life skill development and career preparation training. The youth are engaged in community based internships with local businesses and agencies.

The Program

Participating youth receive a career and interest assessment to provide an understanding of talents, interests, personality and skills in order to establish compatible future work areas and fields of interest.

All youth attend seminars on a variety of career and independent living topics, attend weekly focus groups, and are provided with an opportunity to participate in three different work experiences: job shadowing, internship, and/or part-time employment lasting one to three weeks.

In addition, participants are provided with an opportunity to open a bank account and learn how to manage it.

Educational Services

The youth are provided with the support, structure and guidance they need to receive a high school diploma or GED to help build the foundation for a strong future. The Hibiscus Children's Center Educational Liaison works directly with the Indian River County schools to assist the youth in working through educational challenges and monitors their progress.

Graphic Design Impact Center

On-site career development business line that will expand youth's horizons and help them help themselves through graphic design and technical skills needed for employment and adulthood.

"We have never run into a program like this that offers this many great opportunities especially for kids like me who are aging out who need internships or job shadowing to look good on our resume for when we transition out into the real world." -Former Village Youth