



*You Can Change a
Child's Life*

SHELTER SERVICES OUTCOMES Fiscal Year 2023/24

- 63 children served annually.
- 100% of children in Shelter Literacy Program improved their reading proficiency.
- 100% of children in Shelter received a mental health assessment within 24 hours of admission.
- The current average length of stay in the Shelter is 189 days.

SANCTUARY MODEL

The Sanctuary Model is an innovative, evidence-based trauma-informed organizational change model. It addresses the health and well-being of children in our care and our staff and volunteers. All Hibiscus staff have been trained in the Sanctuary Model and the agency received Certification

OUR MISSION

To provide safe haven, mental health, preventative care and life skills for at-risk children and families.

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Children's Shelter**
Residential Services



Our goal is to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

BRIGHTER FUTURES MAKEOVER

The Brighter Futures Shelter Renovation was launched to makeover the Shelter aesthetically, enhance services and fortify the Shelter. Completed in 2020, the makeover completely transformed the Shelter to a beautiful home for children and increased services that improve children's health and well-being.

The addition of a 1,500 sq. ft. dining/community room has been fortified so staff and children may shelter in place and help minimize children's trauma during a natural disaster. It includes an industrial kitchen with state-of-the-art equipment and appliances. The space provides an area to host group activities. A second addition includes new staff offices, staff lounge and meeting rooms that are more conducive to assuring confidentiality and creating a therapeutic environment.

Thank you to our generous community for helping us to renovate the children's home.

HIBISCUS CHILDREN'S CENTER TILTON FAMILY CHILDREN'S SHELTER

Every child, every day, for a better tomorrow.

THE SHELTER

The Shelter is a 36-bed emergency shelter that opened its doors in October 1989 to provide a safe haven for abused children.

CHILDREN

Children, ages birth to 12, are removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect and/or abandonment by the State. Children are placed at the Shelter for a few days, months, or sometimes, even years. Children over the age of 12 years can be admitted if they are part of a sibling group with younger children.

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Children are cared for by a group of caring and trauma-trained staff who provide 24-hour awake supervision. Loving volunteers enhance care by helping with meals, tutoring, chaperoning, laundry and more.

MEDICAL/DENTAL SERVICES

Children who are required to receive updated physicals and immunizations receive them within five days of admission. Medical office staff care for children's daily medical needs and appointments. Children also receive dental services.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Professional therapists provide on-site services to children, specializing in the treatment of trauma-based disorders, behavioral health, infant mental health, and healing victims of sexual abuse. Services are provided by master-licensed therapists that have been professionally trained and have a true passion for working with children. Children also receive psychiatric services such as medication management in conjunction with our counseling services to ensure the best outcomes.

EQUINE THERAPY

Hibiscus Children's Center has partnered with Justin' Time Stables to provide the children living at the Jensen Beach Shelter with Equine Therapy. This new, innovative therapeutic approach will bring transformational healing for children and reach them in a way traditional therapies cannot. This unique program is an expansion of our current mental health program for children and helps build self-esteem and life skills.

ENRICHING OPPORTUNITIES

Children experience fun and educational outings and activities, including Camp Hibiscus, a ten-week summer camp program.



EDUCATIONAL & LITERACY SERVICES

Providing individualized assistance to children whose traumatic experiences have virtually halted the educational process. Children attend public schools and are encouraged to be part of extra-curricular activities. The Education & Literacy Coordinator is the liaison with the school counselor and Shelter staff/therapists. After-school tutoring is provided by volunteers and staff. In addition, each child is assessed to determine his/her academic level. Services help encourage and foster a love for reading and provide a fundamental foundation for education.