



*You Can Change a
Child's Life*

VILLAGE SERVICES OUTCOMES

Fiscal Year 2023/24

- Over 70 children received safe haven.
- 91% of students improved percentage of assignments completed during school year.
- 21 Students participated in Writing Club.
- 1 student received a GED and 1 received a high school diploma.
- 2 students achieved Honor Roll and 1 student achieved High Honor Roll.

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 recertification in 2023.



OUR MISSION

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

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Residential Services





"I AM SUCCESSFUL"

-Joshua, age 17, Village resident

"School has always been my biggest problem. I was never able to focus and listen to my teachers, so it never worked out for me. I heard that the GED was available and it would be the best option for me. I took that chance and ran with it. Now, I have my GED Diploma.

Success is a great feeling to have when you accomplish something no matter what it is. I have been able to overcome more than any teenager should have endured. Success is a very important part in life no matter what type of success it is. In my case, being able to succeed emotionally, physically, and educationally, has helped me grow and has been my biggest motivator".



"Thank you to the Hibiscus Village and the staff for helping me be successful in life".

HIBISCUS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Every child, every day, for a better tomorrow.

THE VILLAGE

The Village is a 40-bed group home facility that opened its doors in May, 2004 to provide a safe haven for abused youth. The Village consists of a campus center, outdoor activity/basketball area and eight homes – 6 residences, a Career Pathways Center featuring Graphic Design & Culinary components, and an Academic Achievement Center.

YOUTH

Youth, ages 12 to 17, are removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect and/or abandonment by the State. Youth are placed at the Village for a few days, months, or sometimes, even years. Many youth will "age out of the system" at 18.

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Teens are cared for by a group of caring and trauma-trained staff. The staff provide a home-like environment including chores and curfews. Volunteers enhance care by helping with homework, activities and more.

MEDICAL/DENTAL SERVICES

Within 72 hours of arriving at the Village, youth receive a medical assessment and the appropriate services. A nurse is located at the Village to care for teen's daily medical needs. Teens also receive dental services in the community.

CAREER PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

Youth participate in life skill development and career preparation training. Youth are engaged in community based internships with local businesses and agencies, as well as on-site internships.

GRAPHIC DESIGN IMPACT CENTER (GDIC) & CULINARY

Components of the Career Pathways Program, both are designed to teach youth marketable and life skills that will help to provide a successful transition to adulthood and enhance competitive employment opportunities. Activities are designed to reinforce critical thinking, problem solving, build self-esteem, and identify continuing education options to support the skills needed to attain internships and employment.

GDIC is led by a professional staff member with graphic design expertise. The goal is to help youth prepare for more advanced technical and "white collar" jobs in graphic design, print and distribution.

The C.U.L.I.N.A.R.Y. component (Cooking Up Life skills, Intellect, and Nutrition for Ambitious & Resilient Youth) provides culinary education and training to gain food handling and service certifications.



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Youth attend public schools and are encouraged to be part of extra-curricular activities. The Education Coordinator is the liaison with the school system. Youth are strongly encouraged to obtain their high school or GED diploma. Volunteers assist with after-school homework and tutoring.