

COUNTY OF BERGEN
Department of Human Services
Division of Family Guidance

MISSION STATEMENT

Bergen County's Division of Family Guidance provides clinical, residential, educational, correctional, case management and monitoring services to at-risk children, adolescents, and families, particularly those who are otherwise unable to receive needed services.

VISION

The Division of Family Guidance is Bergen County's resource for youth and families in need.

VALUES

- Collaborative, Creative, and Empirically Driven Programming
- Safe, Respectful, Dependable and Therapeutic Environments
- Developmentally Appropriate Expectations
- Empowerment through Opportunity
- Community Safety

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Bergen's Place
Youth Shelter



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OVERVIEW

- ❖ **Bergen's Place Youth Shelter** is a state licensed residential crisis and homeless shelter for youth ages 11 through 17.
- ❖ Runaway, homeless and at-risk youth may access the program on a walk-in or referral basis 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- ❖ The program addresses youths' immediate needs, including food, clothing, health and mental wellbeing.
- ❖ Bergen's Place is a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ youth.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS?

- ❖ To provide safe, temporary housing for youth experiencing homelessness, problems at home or in the community.
- ❖ To stabilize family crisis situations and improve family relations to facilitate reunification as quickly as possible or transition to safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements.
- ❖ To foster long-term relationships with caring adults.
- ❖ To advocate for youth in court or with community agencies.

SERVICES

- ❖ **Supervision**
Residents are supervised 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ❖ **Health/Mental Health**
A licensed pediatric nurse practitioner is available to address medical issues. A board certified licensed child and adolescent psychiatrist is available for psychiatric consultation and medication monitoring. Mental health professionals provide individual, family and group counseling.
- ❖ **Education**
Residents attend school as arranged by their home districts. Residents who are no longer in school may elect to pursue a GED or vocational opportunities.
- ❖ **Food Services**
A professional kitchen located on the premises provides nutritious and attractive meals and snacks.
- ❖ **Recreation**
Age appropriate activities take place in the facility and the community.

WHO REFERS?

- ❖ Youth may seek admission without referral or be referred for voluntary admission by community members, schools, clergy, police departments, public agencies, and helplines such as 211 and 2nd Floor.
- ❖ New Jersey Superior Court, Family Part - Bergen County
- ❖ Bergen County Juvenile Intake
- ❖ The Juvenile Family Crisis Intervention Unit
- ❖ The Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

