

# Volunteers of America - Greater New York Northern New Jersey - Youth & Family Services

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The Volunteers of America Youth & Family Services Program has a strong working relationship with the State of New Jersey to provide residential, counseling and case management services to various populations of individuals with special needs. For our provision of services to youth, we currently hold contract with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) through the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). The program is comprised of six (6) residential facilities in Northern New Jersey including a shelter, independent living and supportive housing. We also have three in-home programs that provide counseling and/or parenting education.

## Shelter

Our shelter provides housing for youth ages 11-17. The youth can remain at the program for 30 days. The staff works closely with DCP&P to ensure that each child moves into a stable, long-term living environment. For more information about this program, please call Youth Care Supervisor, Tyessia Bryant, (201) 333-4824.

## Medicaid Program

This program provides in-home assessments and counseling to children and families referred through CSOC.

## Independent Living Programs

We have four independent living programs in New Jersey for youth aging out of foster care. These youth range from age 18 to 21 and live in supervised apartments with a roommate. The staff is committed to teaching them the skills needed to live on their own.

For more information about this program, please call Clinical Specialist, Raquel Jones, LAC (732) 827-2466.

## Supportive Housing

The Step Up Program is for young adults, ages 18 to 21 who have been in the foster care system or who are at risk of homelessness. These youth age out on their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. The program provides case management services to the youth and assists in preparing them to live independently. For more information about this program, please call Program Manager, Carmen Tulloch, LSW (732) 827-2461.

## Parenting Skills Partnership Program

The Parenting Skills Partnership Program is an in-home program that provides support and training to families with foster or adopted children. This 16-week program teaches parenting skills and techniques to deal with a multitude of behavioral problems. It is designed to be a proactive tool that will avoid disruption of placement and offer the children and families a sense of stability. This program can provide services in Bergen, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, and Warren counties. Bilingual staff are available. For more information about this program, please call Program Manager, Yvette Durrett, LCSW (732) 827-2443.

## Parent Empowerment and Childrearing Education (PEACE)

The PEACE Program provides support and training to families through in-home visits in Passaic County. The bilingual licensed clinicians help struggling families remain intact. The ultimate goal of the PEACE Program is to increase healthy positive parenting practices, to prevent child maltreatment occurrence or recurrence, and increase safety, permanency, and well-being. For more information about this program, please call Program Manager, Yvette Durrett, LCSW (732) 827-2443.



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*The Youth Programs are located in the following areas:*

**Shelter**

Jersey City

**Independent Living Programs**

Elmwood Park  
Jersey City  
West New York  
Union

**Supportive Housing**

Orange

**Parenting Skills Partnership Program, PEACE,  
Medicaid Program**

Services provided in clients' homes.

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- Providing stability for severely troubled youth
- Supporting individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families
- Offering treatment and recovery services to adults with substance abuse issues
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