

# Safe Harbor Children's Center

## Program Details

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Safe Harbor Children's Center serves children that are in the custody of the division of family and children services and are removed from dangerous situations and, as a state licensed term residential shelter, clothing, meals, school support, therapeutic counseling and onsite visitation, independent living skills, transportation, Medical, dental, and psychiatric services are provided on an outpatient.



Based upon person centered care, our residential program at Safe Harbor Children's Center will be ready to serve a variety of residents. The program supports stabilization then family reunification or transition to a less restrictive setting. Safe Harbor Children's Center provides an environment in which the child feels truly accepted and engaged in a rigorous individual program, where youth will develop a sense of efficacy and pro-social skill competencies that will prepare them to be successful upon program graduation. Our Home will offer services designed to facilitate an intensive, comprehensive, and therapeutic services that is centered on the healing of the child. Staff offer a goal focused, learning atmosphere designed to equip youth with emotional stability, educational success, healthy hobbies for life and coping skills.

### SCOPE OF SERVICES

**Population served:** The shelter is licensed for children from birth to age 18. The program services children in the custody of the Division of Family and Children Services, Department of Juvenile Justice.

**Settings:** After a successful capital campaign, that raised \$5.1 million, Safe Harbor completed construction of the Windolf Residence, a brand-new state of the art group home for 24 children. The home is spacious and houses 12 girls and 12 boys with a shared commercial kitchen, grand dining room, computer room and tutor room. The administrative office is across the parking lot and has a large art studio on the second floor.

**Hours and days of service:** The center is open 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

**Frequency of services:** 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

**Payers and funding sources:** Referrals are from the division of family and children services, department of juvenile justice and Glynn county juvenile court.

**Fees:** The program has contracts with DFCS and DJJ for a per diem rate.

**Referral sources:** Referrals are received from division of family and children services, and department of juvenile justice.

**The following services are provided:** Achieving emotional stability is a primary focus for all youth placed at Safe Harbor. Supporting educational success is instrumental in sustaining success during and post-placement. Safe Harbor ensures to provide clothing, meals, school support, independent living skills, transportation, Medical, dental, therapeutic counseling and onsite visitation, and psychiatric services are provided on an outpatient.

**Partner Agencies:** Division of Family and Children Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, and United Way of Coastal Georgia and Glynn County School System.

**Relevant information about our Scope of Services can be found in the following resources:**  
Agency website: [www.safeharborcenterinc.org](http://www.safeharborcenterinc.org) or contacting the Program Director at 912-289-9940.

**Entry Criteria:** Safe Harbor Children's Center is licensed for two program designations, base and additional watchful oversight. Children are referred by ca Division of Family and Children Services, Department of Juvenile Justice case managers. The program does not accept children that are actively homicidal, suicidal or have a designation of maximum watchful oversight.

**Transition Criteria:** Human Service Professionals assist residents with service plans and referrals for services. Residents may transition after successfully completing the program back to caregiver, a transitional living program or a foster home.

**Exit Criteria:** When a juvenile court judge approves for a child to be placed back with legal guardian or transition to a less restrictive program such as Independent Living Program or Transitional Living Program or a foster home.