About Euphrasian Residence

Euphrasian Residence is a Rapid Intervention Center (RIC) that serves adolescent females, ages 12-17 who are in crisis and have been referred by the NYC Administration for Children’s Services (ACS). The purpose of a RIC is to provide a 60- to 90-day assessment and stabilization period for young women who receive a comprehensive psychosocial, psychological, psychiatric, medical and educational evaluation by professional staff to fully assess their needs and determine the best possible long-term placement. During their short-term stay, residents attend school on-site and participate in a variety of therapeutic, social and recreational activities.

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About Good Shepherd Services

Good Shepherd Services goes where children, youth, and families face the greatest challenges and builds on their strengths to help them gain skills for success. We provide quality, effective services that deepen connections between family members, within schools, and among neighbors. We work closely with community leaders to advocate, both locally and nationally, on behalf of our participants to make New York City a better place to live and work.

Good Shepherd Services leads in the development of innovative programs that make a difference in the lives of children, youth and families today.
Our Approach:

Youth and Family Development: We believe in the inherent value and strength of youth and families. Our strength based and evidence-informed approach builds on existing competencies, while recognizing the importance of meeting developmental needs. We embrace a holistic view of youth and families to promote well-being, learning, growth and change.

- We value and build caring and trusting relationships.
- We create safe and welcoming spaces.
- We inspire growth and change through engaging activities.
- We have high expectations of ourselves and others.
- We promote opportunities for contributions and leadership.
- We offer paths forward through connections and consistency.
- We invest in strong mission driven organizational culture.

Trauma-Informed: Our approach is responsive to the impact of trauma and raises the standard of care by promoting wellness and healing in individuals, families, and communities.

Family Involvement

Family involvement in permanency planning is important while at Euphrasian Residence. We need family support and cooperation in order to determine the best plan for each youth. If the parent/guardian is unable to be fully involved while the participant is at home, we seek family help identifying other adult resources.

Visiting: Family visits are held at the residence on the weekend from 9:00am–7:00pm. If this is not convenient, other arrangements can be made through the social worker or case planner.

Phone Calls: Phone communication between approved family members and participants is encouraged. Phone conversations take place on designated days of the week. The social worker will provide more information.

Family Events: Regular family events occur at the residence and we encourage parents, guardians, and family members to attend.

An Engaging Program, Including:

- Daily community meetings
- Individual counseling
- Art therapy
- On-site DOE school
- Recreation activities
- Community trips

A Supportive Team, Including:

- Case Planner
- Social Worker
- Primary Counselor
- Health Services
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- School Personnel

Euphrasian is certified in the Sanctuary model of trauma-informed care, which allows us to create and maintain a trauma sensitive environment that fosters movement towards healing, growth, and change.