

# JAFCO Children's Village



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...giving every child a place to belong



## JAFCO's mission is ...giving every child a place to belong

Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options (JAFCO) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1992 to provide services to at-risk children and families in South Florida including:

- Marsh Children's Emergency Shelter
- Group Home Program
- Independent Living Program
- Foster Care & Adoption
- Family Preservation
- Trauma Informed Therapy Program
- Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)  
In-Home Family Therapy Program
- Senior Caregiver Program

## Safety • Love • Hope

### Weicholz Family Campus of the David Posnack Jewish Children's Village

Welcome to our beautiful gated South Florida community located on 5.6 acres of palm trees, flowers, beautiful bronze statues of children at play, a swimming pool, bicycle path, basketball court and playgrounds. The Jewish Children's Village is the only village of its kind in the Jewish community in the entire country. The campus consists of our children's emergency shelter and our six group homes which provide safety to up to 50 children at one time. Our foster care, adoption and family preservation programs and staff are also housed in the Kaminoff Children's Center on the Village campus and collectively our Children's Village programs serve over 600 children and their families each year.



# Our Programs

## Marsh Children's Emergency Shelter

This life-saving part of our village is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to offer an immediate safe and loving placement for a child who has been a victim of abuse, neglect or abandonment. Children (ages birth to 12) are placed in the shelter by state protective investigators often in the middle of the night or by parents and family members who themselves are in crisis. Children stay at the shelter typically for a few days, until a relative or a foster family can care for them, but on occasion when no family is available, children have lived with us for up to two years.

## Group Homes

Our six beautiful 4,000 sq. ft. group homes are designed to provide a safe home-like environment for up to 30 children who need a safe place to live on either a temporary or permanent basis. Each child has their own bedroom and bathroom for privacy and dignity, they go to local schools and participate in sports, dance or after-school activities of their choice. Up to six children live in each home and are cared for by a loving house parent. The children receive individual and family therapy to prepare them for either family reunification, foster care, adoption or independent living.

## Independent Living

All of the children residing within the group homes are prepared for eventual independent living and if they choose, they may continue to reside at the JAFCO village until the age of 24 while they attend college and work part/full time. When they are ready for the responsibility of driving, each child receives a donated pre-owned vehicle of their own which offers them full independence. For our children who are away at school, we keep their rooms intact so they can come home for breaks. JAFCO is their family and we will be there for them for as long as they need us.

## Foster Care & Adoption

JAFCO foster families are loving substitute families that open their homes to children in need of care for a temporary period of time, up to two years on average. JAFCO assists with adoptions through the foster care system and also works privately with birth parents in need of a safe placement for their child.

## Family Preservation

The JAFCO Family Preservation Program is a voluntary, no-cost service designed to stabilize and support families during challenging times. Family Preservation supports families to overcome obstacles such as mental health, lack of family cohesion, low community support, and child behavior concerns through strategic in-home assistance, therapeutic case management, referrals, and more. Serving families across Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties, our dedicated clinicians use strength-based, collaborative approaches to empower families, guiding them as they navigate and overcome adversity.

## Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)

The Multisystemic Therapy (MST) program is an In-home, evidence-based intervention designed for families with youth ages 10 to 17 who are experiencing significant behavioral challenges, including truancy, poor school performance, verbal and physical aggression, substance use, misconduct, and negative peer influences. Offered at no cost to residents of Broward County, MST is a voluntary, intensive, three-month program that requires caregivers to meet with a therapist at least twice per week. Through this structured commitment, families have reported improved relationships, decreased problem behaviors, and strengthened family functioning, with the goal of preventing out-of-home placement and fostering long-term positive change.

## Senior Caregiver Program

Many grandparents unexpectedly find themselves stepping into the role of primary caregiver for their grandchildren. JAFCO's Senior Caregiver Program is here to help by offering free, voluntary in-home, and community-based case management services to guardians 55 and older with legal custody of their grandchildren. Funded by the Area Agency on Aging of Broward and The Department of Elder Affairs, JAFCO is committed to supporting senior caregivers through in-home support, bi-monthly support groups, access to valuable resources, and empowering families across Broward County.

For more information about our programs and services, please contact JAFCO Clinical Director Shea Pucci, LMFT at [shea@jafco.org](mailto:shea@jafco.org) or 954-315-8683.



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### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are an important component of the JAFCO continuum of care, offering their time at the Children's Village. Volunteers perform a variety of tasks including cooking, homework help, organizing, clerical tasks and more. Our Forever Friends program provides a 1 to 1 mentor for a child in need of additional support and guidance. Professionals willing to offer pro-bono medical, dental, orthodontic and eye care or legal, tutoring, psychological evaluation or therapy services to JAFCO's children are also needed.

Please visit our website and attend the next monthly tour to begin the process. For more information about volunteering please contact JAFCO Community Outreach Specialist Jeannette Cohen at [jeannette@jafco.org](mailto:jeannette@jafco.org).

### Donations & Events

To make a donation to support the children or to attend or plan an upcoming event please visit our website [jafco.org](http://jafco.org). For more information or to get more involved contact JAFCO Director of Development Operations Shelli Gold, at 954-315-8671 or [shelli@jafco.org](mailto:shelli@jafco.org) for any information related to our events.

JAFCO's mission is to provide care, safety and support to children and their families within the Jewish community and beyond who are impacted by abuse, neglect, trauma, or developmental disabilities...giving every child a place to belong.



As a faith-based agency within the Jewish community JAFCO is proud to offer all of our services without discrimination against race, color, national origin and disability.