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**CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC.**

From Our Family To Yours

The Center for Family Services is a full service, community focused agency. We exist to help families and communities navigate life's most difficult and sometimes tragic moments. Our mission is alive and in action, however, our work to strengthen families, which in turn strengthens our communities, is tested every day.

April is child abuse prevention and sexual assault awareness month. With almost 600 rapes and sexual assaults per year taking place in Palm Beach County, our mission and our Stop Abuse by Family Empowerment (S.A.F.E.) Kids Program has been working overtime since the start of the pandemic. We serve clients 3 to 63 years of age, with a majority who are females (87%) and minority (Hispanic 49%, White 28%, Black 20%, and multiracial 3%).

A recent client, Jackie, is a 26-year-old Afro-Caribbean single mother who came to the Center to address her difficulties with sleeping, anxiety, and parenting. The physical and emotional abuse Jackie experienced within her home as a child was compounded in college where she was a victim of sexual assault. Working with one of our SAFE Kids Trauma- trained therapists, Jackie started to unpack her own story of trauma/child abuse and was able to develop coping skills and improve her sleeping and anxiety.

In an effort to learn positive parenting skills, and prevent the potential for continuing the cycle of child abuse, Jackie participated in the Positive Parenting Program and learned positive parenting skills. At the completion of services, Jackie identified a desire to take educational classes to help change her career. CFS was able to provide her with a computer and, two months later, Jackie reported that she was employed as an administrative assistant.

Much like Jackie, our underinsured clients have deeper experienced traumas that affect the next generation if not treated. Working closely with PBSO Behavioral Health Unit, local law enforcement and partner agencies, we are actively providing treatment to as many clients as we can to help them heal.

S.A.F.E. Kids is the only state recognized agency in Palm Beach County to treat victims of sexual abuse. This means we must adhere to the highest standards of Florida's laws and regulations by the Department of Health and the Office of the Attorney General. Both state entities help fund the program. Although our state funds are sufficient to cover, on average, six therapy sessions per client... it is not enough. That is about 40% of what is needed to give these victims a fighting chance at success. Usually, it takes twelve to fifteen sessions, not six, to make a lasting therapeutic change.

Government support is not a replacement for philanthropy, it's a spur to challenge the philanthropic community to do more. When it comes to philanthropy, nothing is taken for granted. We are blessed with steadfast supporters. Each one who gives even \$1, puts their minds and money in the service of our safety net mission. In particular, Charlie and Tammy Pompea are a family we must highlight with deep gratitude. They recently supported the Center with a one million dollar donation. Such a gift provides all 8 programs a solid foundation from which to continue to grow. The Center, its programs, and clients are eternally grateful to the Pompea family, to their generosity and their support.

Much like a tree that grows when tended to with care, the Center is poised now to grow in its ability to service the families who are most vulnerable, and more so, the future generations of those families. We are a stable, healthy beacon in the community—providing services to over 1,500 families a year—and can only continue with your generous support.



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Philanthropists donate one million dollars to Center for Family Services!

Thank you to Tammy and Charlie Pompea for your very generous donation!



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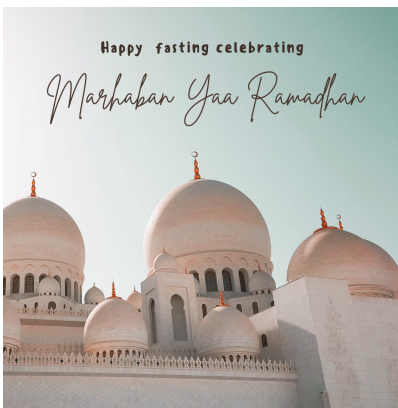
CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH

and

Sexual Assault
Awareness Month

Wear Teal on April 3rd in support of Sexual Assault Awareness month
and wear blue on April 4th in support of Child Abuse Prevention
month!

*Wishing you a happy
holiday!*





Center for Family Services has been providing mental health services and education to children, adults and families since 1961. Our clients are some of the most vulnerable in the community due to their age, gender, and socioeconomic status. Donations are a crucial means to their mental well-being. On their behalf, thank you for your support.

To learn more about our programs, visit our website at ctrfam.org.

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