

**COUNTY OF BERGEN**  
**Department of Human Services**  
**Division of Family Guidance**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Bergen County's Division of Family Guidance provides clinical, residential, educational, correctional, case management and monitoring services to at-risk children, adolescents, and families, particularly those who are otherwise unable to receive needed services.

**VISION**

The Division of Family Guidance is Bergen County's resource for youth and families in need.

**VALUES**

- Collaborative, Creative, and Empirically Driven Programming
- Safe, Respectful, Dependable and Therapeutic Environments
- Developmentally Appropriate Expectations
- Empowerment through Opportunity
- Community Safety

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### OVERVIEW

- ❖ **Bergen's Place Youth Shelter** is a state licensed residential crisis and homeless shelter for youth ages 11 through 17.
- ❖ Runaway, homeless and at-risk youth may access the program on a walk-in or referral basis 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- ❖ The program addresses youths' immediate needs, including food, clothing, health and mental wellbeing.
- ❖ Bergen's Place is a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ youth.

### WHAT ARE THE GOALS?

- ❖ To provide safe, temporary housing for youth experiencing homelessness, problems at home or in the community.
- ❖ To stabilize family crisis situations and improve family relations to facilitate reunification as quickly as possible or transition to safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements.
- ❖ To foster long-term relationships with caring adults.
- ❖ To advocate for youth in court or with community agencies.

### SERVICES

- ❖ **Supervision**  
Residents are supervised 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ❖ **Health/Mental Health**  
A licensed pediatric nurse practitioner is available to address medical issues. A board certified licensed child and adolescent psychiatrist is available for psychiatric consultation and medication monitoring. Mental health professionals provide individual, family and group counseling.
- ❖ **Education**  
Residents attend school as arranged by their home districts. Residents who are no longer in school may elect to pursue a GED or vocational opportunities.
- ❖ **Food Services**  
A professional kitchen located on the premises provides nutritious and attractive meals and snacks.
- ❖ **Recreation**  
Age appropriate activities take place in the facility and the community.

### WHO REFERS?

- ❖ Youth may seek admission without referral or be referred for voluntary admission by community members, schools, clergy, police departments, public agencies, and helplines such as 211 and 2nd Floor.
- ❖ New Jersey Superior Court, Family Part - Bergen County
- ❖ Bergen County Juvenile Intake
- ❖ The Juvenile Family Crisis Intervention Unit
- ❖ The Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)

