Colonial Youth and Family Services

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P.O. Box 391 Mastic Beach, NY.11951

A community based, Non-Profit Organization

Providing needed services to youth and their families in the Shirley, Mastic Beach, Mastic and Moriches communities.

Who are we?

When youth and their families in the William Floyd school district feel overwhelmed by Anxiety, Failure or even hunger, they turn to Colonial youth and Family Services, a private, non-profit agency.

The agency is an unusual example of county and school district working closely with local community residents to provide needed services to youth and families.

History

Colonial Youth and Family Services has its origins in a grassroots movement which was encouraged and assisted by local residents, school officials and the Suffolk county youth Bureau. Meetings of concerned citizens in 1970 and a countywide needs assessment by the youth Bureau culminated in the agency being incorporated as a private, non-profit organization in 1973 with initial funding from the Suffolk County Youth Bureau.

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Recipient of a school-county award for exemplary co-operative effects between school districts and county governments.

Recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for commitment to the ideals of community service.

Colonial Youth and family Services, INC. is a tax exempt, non-profit, community based organization funded by the Suffolk county youth Bureau/office for children, New York state
division for youth, Town of Brookhaven youth Bureau, and the New York state department of social services. Colonial is a member agency of united way of long island.

**Serving the communities of:**

Shirley, Mastic, Mastic Beach and Moriches

**Referrals accepted from:**

Community Agencies
Nurses
School Psychologists
Administrators
School personal
Family court system
Department of Social Services

**Services provided include:**

Counseling
Community education
Crisis intervention
Home Visits
Recreational Activities
School age child care
Teen parent program
Family assistance Program
Community Development
Information and Referral
Linkage with the community

Our Services are ongoing with the walk in center open five days a week year round.

The hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. Evening hours are by appointment only.
Our expert trained and certified professional staff provides all of our services.

**National Recognition**

*Colonial received a National School county award*

*In 1982 in recognition of its exemplary cooperative efforts between school districts and county government and the Eleanor Roosevelt award in 1985 in recognition of its commitment to the ideals of community service.*
Teen Parent Program

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Quotes from our teens:

*I thought it would be intimidating, it wasn't. I felt welcomed and comfortable.".....Dominique

*"You won't be judged."....Tammy

*"I didn't know many people with similar situations to mine, I was able to meet new girls my age with children.".....Elyse

*"We learn that there are more than one way of doing things"...Kim

*"TPP gets me out of the house and it's an opportunity to socialize with other teen mom's.".....Michelle....Tiffani

*"Help is available and you don't have to be afraid to ask for it, don't be afraid to speak your mind"...Nicole....Anonymous

*"I've been attending TPP for over a year and I think I've learned ALOT."....Danielle.

Teen Parent Program

The Teen parent Program is available to pregnant, parenting and at risk adolescents who are between the ages of 13-21 and live in the William Floyd school District and the surrounding areas. Referrals are received through health professionals, community agencies, family members, school staff, friends and the teens themselves.
The program is designed to provide pregnant, parenting and at risk teens and their families with supportive services that including

*Educational workshops
*Child care during workshops
*Preventative services
*Socialization
*Counseling
*Case Management through TASA or SNAP

**A Message from the Teen Parent staff**

Colonial youth and family services has offered a teen parent program for 29 years. We believe the reason our program has been successful is that we provide the teens with encouragement, workshops to enhance their parenting skills and much needed socialization with other teen parents. We strongly promote continuing their education, preparing for and obtaining employment and learning the life skills that they will need to become independent responsible adults, contributing members of the community and the best parents they can be. It is our goal to help guide these teen parents in a positive direction.

**Other agency services**

*Pre-school and school age child care

The little red school house
210 Montauk High Way.
Morighes, NY. 11955
631-878-5049
*TASA case management
*SNAP case Management
*Crisis Intervention, Individual, Group & Family Counseling
*Family Assistance Program
*After school groups
*Summer Recreation
*Community Education
*Information and Referral
*Community Development
Little Red School House

Pre-School Program (3-4 years old)

&

School aged Child Care Program

Preschool growth and development

The 3 and 4 year olds are growing from a toddler into an independent and active learner. A child's preschool years are a time to develop their vocabulary, coordination, intellectual thinking and social skills.

During this time, children are eager about learning and discovering new doorways to knowledge. Our Colonial Youth instructors are trained to provide the appropriate environment to help build the confidence preschoolers need to make decisions, develop talents and build self-esteem.

At Colonial Youth & Family Services, we record all activities through a variety of communication tools. Our daily program details the accomplishments your child has achieved in daily learning opportunities. Colonial Youth & Family Services provides a continuous communication to parents with information of their child's daily and weekly accomplishments.

A Typical day in the life of a Preschooler at Colonial Youth and Family Services

*Tutoring
*computer time
*Arts and Dramatic
*Playground Area
*Music
*Library
*math Center
*Science-Discovery center
*Language arts center
*Reading and Writing
*Home Area
*Readiness center
Other programs offered at Colonial Youth and Family services

Before School program: Our school program is held in school at specific locations in designated class rooms. Each morning program runs for two hours prior to the school day. The children enjoy craft projects and supplies are available for their use. The school provides a TV/VCR for our use for children to watch age appropriate movies. A snack is supplied by the program, however, any child wishing to use the school breakfast program are able to do so.

After school program: Our after school program is held at Colonial's moriches facility. The Program runs from 3pm to 6pm. A snack is provided when children arrive. Homework is done, after this is free play, organized games and movies. Transportation is provided by the district bus company from all elementary buildings to the moriches facility. Parents provide transportation home. A fire drill is conducted each month by on site staff.

School/Vacation program: We will provide child care for those children enrolled in our existing program during selected times of vacation when the school district will be closed. Snack will be provided, however, children will be required to bring their own lunch. Programs will consist of organized activities, arts and crafts. Transportation is provided by the parent.

Parent/Teacher Conference day’s program: Colonial will provide child care for those children enrolled in our existing program during parent/teacher conference days. This program will be held in colonial's moriches facility. Transportation will provided from school to the program with the parents responsible for picking child up by 6pm.

Summer Program: Our summer program is held at the moriches facility from 9am-4pm. Activities include indoor and outdoor sports and games, gym, movies, library, arts, crafts, field trips and recreational swimming at the Brookhaven town pool under a staff supervisor. Before and after care is available.

Colonial Youth and Family Services cares

Colonial youth and family services realizes that there are many child care centers to choose from and we know that choosing the right one can be a hard decision for all parents, we invite you to discover what so many other parents have found to be true. You can rely on colonial youth and family services staff that we will understand the needs your child(ren).
Our mission statement

Colonial Youth and Family Services offers a safe, structured environment to each parent by providing the highest standards of child care and education. We know that the first three years of a child's life are important learning years for all around development. Our mission is to provide the most comprehensive child care environment to meet the needs for your child.
Colonial's Community Volunteer Corps

Mission Statement

It continues to be Colonial's philosophy to respond to community needs by instituting innovative and effective programs to meet these needs. By utilizing community development funds to train youth as volunteers and working closely with community leaders, a multitude of needs have been addressed. An essential component of this project continues to be for young people to work with and see adults as positive role models willing to volunteer their time to help their community.

This Program is designed to increase adolescent’s awareness of their community and help them feel a part of it. Our experience has been through inclusion, the natural adolescent feelings of being disenfranchised can be dramatically impacted upon. By including students in the planning and implementation of this project, we have given them a unique ownership, which they have responded to enthusiastically.

How to join

If you are a student presently in grades 7-12 in the William Floyd School District who would like to make your community a better place and be involved, come join Colonial's Community Volunteer corps. Call 281-4461 and ask for Ray.

Projects

* Smith point Beach Project Mural Contest
* Community clean-ups
* Graffiti Removal
* Volunteer Newsletter
* Community Food Pantry
* Christmas parade
* Holiday Assistance
* Tutoring
* PTO Child Care
Supporting Organizations

*Citizens action coalition
*Colonial Youth and Family Services
*J.V. Kavanaugh Knights of Columbus
*Kiwanis Club of the Mastics and Shirley
*Tri-Hamlet Lions club
*Mastic Beach property Owners Association
*Mastic Beach yacht club
*Mastics, Moriches, Shirley Community library
*Mastic Park Civic Association
*rotary club of the Shirley and the mastics
*St. Judes Roman Catholic Church
*Shirley and the Mastics Chamber of Commerce
*William Floyd Community Summit
*YMCA William Floyd Project

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Volunteer of the Year Award from the Town of Brookhaven for outstanding volunteer service

A world of Difference award from the William Floyd Community Summit for outstanding community group
TASA (Suffolk County Department of Social Services Working with Colonial Youth)

TASA in 1984, New York State passed the Teenage services Act (TASA), to assist pregnant 13-21 (under 20 years of age at time of referral) and receiving Medicaid. TASA provides case Management services to teen mothers and or fathers and their families.

TASA services offered through

Babylon Youth Bureau: 893-1078
Colonial Youth & Family Services: 281-4461
Teen parent Resource center: 224-5674

TASA Can Help

*How do I tell my Mother I'm Pregnant?
*How soon should I see a doctor?
*How do I find a crib and baby clothes?
*How can I help my baby stay healthy?
*How can I have my baby and go to school?
*Who will watch my baby while I go to school and work?
*Can a family member be paid to provide child care?
*How do I find a Job to support my baby?
*Who will hire me after I have my baby?
*Where can I meet other teens who are like ME?

TASA can connect you to programs providing:

*Health care
*Day care/child care
*Parenting skills
*Transportation
*Education/Tutoring services
*Job Training
*Employment services
*Food/Nutrition/Formula

*Housing

*Family planning

*counseling

*Financial/Budgeting

*Legal Services/Advocacy

*Teen parent Program

Call TASA

*Do you want to learn how to care for your baby?

*Are you having a problem with your mother, boyfriend/girlfriend, teacher or friend?

*Do you want to wait before having another child?

*Would you just like someone to talk to?

For help with these questions and others, ask your Medicaid or public assistance worker about TASA or call Colonial Youth and Family Services and ask to speak to a TASA case Manager.

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Commissioner: Janet Demarzo

Commissioner's Response unit: 854-9935

After hours emergency hotline: 854-9100