



The Kennedy Center
OF LOUISIANA

The mission of the Kennedy Center of Louisiana is to EMPOWER individuals to reach their full potential by supporting, teaching and linking them to resources in the community. It is our belief that all individuals are capable of SUCCESS and deserve the same quality of life regardless of their socio-economic background and life circumstances.

Featured Special Program

Face Forward: is a Caddo Parish juvenile diversion program using Cognitive Awareness Training published by the American Community Correction Institute. Participants (ages 16 – 24 and court involved prior to adjudication and/or juvenile) complete small same-gendered behavioral modification sessions for 2 hours a week over 12 weeks. Groups are led by a licensed therapist experienced in cognitive behavioral training. Case Managers guide participants toward positive outcomes, through community service that increases self-esteem and personal competency. We assist with skill certifications and diplomas with the goal of long-term employment. The program will serve 70 youths a year through June, 2015. Funded by the Federal Employment and Training Administration's Face Forward Serving Juvenile Offenders grant.



Functional Family Therapy: targets youths 10-18 at risk for severe behavior problems and delinquency. It is a *cornerstone service* of the **Face Forward** program. Intensive family therapy changes interaction patterns and develops skills such as communication, problem solving, conflict resolution and effective parenting. Five phases of treatment are tailored to the unique characteristics of each family. Sessions occur at least once per week, typically for 3-4 months, and can be delivered in both community and office settings. Research shows that FFT reduces out-of-home placement, substance use and crime. FFT is an evidence-based treatment program recognized as a Blueprint for Healthy Youth Development Model Program.

History

The Kennedy Center has successfully served youth, families and offenders of Shreveport and Caddo Parish since 2004. TKCL has offered job training, job placement, mentoring, life skills education, and case management with brokered support services throughout the area. Our Chance for Success adult job training program has a placement rate of 85%. Our crisis intervention (Street Outreach in Shreveport – SOS), housing (Safe Haven), and food assistance (Food Bank of Louisiana Pantry), programs have all served adults and youths.

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Program Partners

- Louisiana Food Bank
- Dress For Success (clothing)
- State of Louisiana Rehabilitative Services (training and employment for the disabled)
- Shreveport Job Corps, Southern University at Shreveport, Bossier Parish Community College, (GED, certification and postsecondary career advancement programs),
- Community Enrichment Programs, Office of Behavioral Health-Shreveport Behavioral Health Clinic, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse of Northwest Louisiana (mental health counseling)
- Safe Haven House and Elle Foundation (housing)
- Legal Services of North Louisiana, Inc., Black Lawyers Association.