



JAC DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

The Juvenile Assessment Center Domestic Violence Program is designed to provide intervention services to identified families with a higher risk for the development of substance abuse as a result of domestic violence occurring within the home.

The goal of the program is to interrupt the predictive relationship between domestic violence and substance abuse by providing prevention and/or intervention services following the occurrence of a domestic violence offense committed by a juvenile residing in Polk, Highlands or Hardee Counties.

Families are provided both substance abuse prevention and violence intervention services coupled with approximately 12 weeks of counseling focusing on communication techniques and anger management skills designed to end the cycle of violence and related substance abuse patterns.

ABOUT ACTS JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER

Address:
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Bartow, FL 33830

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Program Services Include:

- Intervention
- Substance Use Prevention
- In-Home Counseling
- Reunification of Family
- Parenting Education
- Communication Skills
- Referral Services
- Reduced Recidivism



Program Goals

Identify children and youth who have indulged in the use of tobacco or alcohol and those who indulged in the first use of illicit drugs in order to assess whether intervention services are indicated or referral to treatment is necessary.

Target a selected population of youth between the ages of 10 to 17 who are at high risk of developing substance abusing patterns as a result of experiencing violence within their homes; not yet placed on probation and are diversion eligible.

Provide a course of substance abuse prevention and violence intervention services aimed at increasing family protective factors by strengthening family stability through:

- Improved understanding of substance abuse risk factors
- Improved parenting skills and family relationships
- Instruction on positive communication, stress reduction techniques, and non-violent anger management alternatives

Prevent the future development of substance abuse by encouraging a change in behavior patterns which are indicative of eventual substance abuse.

Refer youth and family members who may require treatment services for substance abuse or mental health problems.

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