



The Children's Services Department provides no-cost childcare to residents participating in our transitional housing and the 60-emergency services program.

With the assistance of specially trained staff they provide specialized child interactive activities and social skills for at risk and high-risk children ages newborn to 17 years old.

The Children's Services has a strict daily activity agenda, which includes therapeutic art groups, play time, homework tutoring and many other programs that have been designed, based on the age and unique needs of the child. The Children's Services has been in existence since the opening of the shelter, but has grown tremendously over the many years. The Children's Services was run by volunteers for the first year of the shelter's operation. Since that time, we have been able to staff paid individuals to care for the children.



Some of the children that participate in our programs have been subjected not only to domestic violence, but child abuse and molestation. Children attend children's therapy and interactive groups to learn coping skills and heal from the pain they have suffered from their abuse. At times, staff is required to involve law enforcement, DCFS, and CPS to protect the child.

*You looked so sad lying there, So tired, battered and bruised
I tried to show you someone cared, As your wounds I tried to soothe*

*The easy part is over now, Your wounds will all heal in time
Its knowing that your mother hurt you, And her love you could never find*

*Mothers have many problems too, And somehow they just can't cope
Please don't feel so sad and blue, You must never give up hope*

*You did the right thing by telling me, That your mother abused you so
its painful now but you are finally free. Free to let her go*

*A new journey you now start, to begin your life anew
A memory we'll hold dear in our heart, Of the child we helped rescue*

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