

Non-Residential Program

Serving at-risk pregnant and parenting young mothers and their children who have a safe place to call home but need a helping hand to survive and thrive.

Services include but are not limited to:

- Monitoring of Health/Medical Needs of mother and child
- Case Management - development and regular monitoring of short and long-term goals focused on stabilizing family unit and building a better future
- Development of Life Skills
- Academic/Vocational Counseling
- Employability and Job Search Skill-building
- Access to Essential Resources - assistance provided in accessing social services; baby equipment, clothing, etc. as supplies allow.



Speakers Available

Holy Ground welcomes opportunities to share our work. To schedule a speaker, please call our office at (561) 355-5040.

The Need

Teen pregnancies influence lives for generations. According to a Palm Beach County update on teen birth rates from the Children's Services Council dated April 29, 2016, there were 623 live births to girls age 19 and under in 2015.

STATISTICS (Source: *Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County*)

- Teen mothers are likely to live in poverty (50% or more of all mothers on welfare had their first child as a teenager). 80% of teen fathers do not marry the mother of their child; less than 50% of all teen mothers will ever graduate high school.
- Daughters born to teen moms are more likely to become teen mothers themselves. A son born to a young woman in her teens is twice as likely to serve time in prison.
- Children of teen mothers are more likely to be born prematurely and at low birth weights, demonstrate an increased occurrence of developmental disabilities and behavioral issues due to their mothers' lack of parenting skills, and are likely to demonstrate poor academic performance, with many of them more likely to fail to graduate from high school. Thus the cycle continues!



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Our Mission

Sheltering and mentoring homeless, pregnant and parenting young mothers and their children living in Palm Beach County

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Our Residential Program

Providing a home and hope; healing mind, body and spirit

Our Commitment to Our Clients: Our ultimate goal is not only to empower and transform the lives of the young families we serve but to be a catalyst for generational change thus breaking the cycle of poverty, teen pregnancy, and homelessness.

Services include:

- **Shelter** - Utilizing an independent living model, we provide rental assistance for furnished apartments that allow for convenient travel to their schools, places of work and daycare.
- **Mentoring** - Holy Ground matches every client with trained, adult female mentor/s to accompany them on their journey; mentors are also invaluable in monitoring the well-being, progress and needs of both our young mothers and their children.
- **Capacity-Building** - our Life Skills Series provides clients with the opportunity to learn from professionals regarding such topics as positive parenting, proper nutrition, healthy relationships, finances/budgeting, self-esteem, spirituality, employability skills, etc. Building the capability of our young mothers translates to a more positive outcome for their children.
- **Essential Resources** - Clients are assisted in accessing health insurance and healthcare services, food, childcare, education, job training, as well as baby supplies, etc.
- **Counseling** - all clients have the opportunity to receive professional counseling services as they strive to heal from past traumas, to develop self-esteem and to address the toxic stressors that negatively impact their lives and the lives of their children.



Client's required commitment to our program:

- **Adhere to a signed contract** that covers a wide range of expectations related to personal behavior, care of their children, school, work, budgeting, communication with their mentors, upkeep of their homes, etc.
- **Set and Meet Goals** - clients are expected to participate in developing individualized and evolving case management plans consisting of short and long-term goals; the client's progress in achieving the stated goals is reviewed regularly with Holy Ground Shelter staff.
- **Continue their education** - complete high school and then enroll in college or a vocational certification program. Financial assistance is available to clients through Holy Ground's Fr. Arthur Obin, OMI Scholarship Fund.
- **Contribute to their living expenses** - work part-time and provide a percentage of their total income toward their living expenses as a means of learning financial responsibility. Client's are also encouraged to save a portion of their income so they have a "nest egg" when they graduate from our program.