



ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA  
FOR CHILDREN

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### **ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA TO OFFER CRISIS INTERVENTION AND STABILIZATION SERVICES TO CENTRAL VIRGINIA REGION**

**Contract with Richmond Behavioral Health Authority helps families in crisis**

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**Richmond, VA** – St. Joseph's Villa announced today that it has signed a contract with the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) to provide Crisis Intervention and Stabilization services to families in the Metro Richmond Area and other localities in Region 4 (specifically, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Greensville, New Kent, Prince George, and Sussex Counties, and the independent cities of Colonial Heights, Emporia, Hopewell and Petersburg.) Services are expected to begin in March 2012.

St. Joseph's Villa will operate a six bed crisis stabilization unit for children 5 to 17 years of age for no longer than 15 consecutive days. Upon being called by the Community Services Board within Region 4, St. Joseph's Villa Crisis staff will assess criteria for placement in the Crisis Stabilization Unit on the campus at 8000 Brook Road. Once admitted, staff will start "23 ½ hour discharge" planning to the next least restrictive situation.

The Villa staff will use a wide array of "wrap around services" to create the greatest opportunity for family reunification in the safest environment. Some of those services will include: Intensive In-Home Services, Out Patient Therapies, and other linkages to support the family as a whole.

"There is a real need for this service," said Cynthia Faison, Chief Operations Officer at St. Joseph's Villa. "Hospital care and long-term residential programs are expensive, and their cost is rising. This interim step, where we can stabilize the situation and recommend the best course of treatment, will allow us to explore all the options a family is facing and recommend what may well be a more effective solution."

St. Joseph's Villa currently helps more than 500 children and families each day. Many of the Villa's clients are struggling with behavioral issues, so this new service will benefit from the Villa's many years of experience working with children with extreme behavioral disorders.

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#### **St. Joseph's Villa**

Established in Richmond in 1834, St. Joseph's Villa is metro-Richmond, Virginia's oldest and largest continuously-operating children's nonprofit organization. The Villa is located on a spacious 82-acre campus in Richmond/Henrico County and builds stronger children, families and communities. The Villa serves more than 500 children and families daily, through the delivery of day, after-school and residential programs that include: special and nontraditional education programs for at-risk youth; education and housing services for homeless children and their families; education and respite, summer and after-school care for children with autism and developmental disabilities; behavioral treatment programs for children and

families; housing for adults with disabilities; and a child development center. The Villa is accredited by the national Council on Accreditation and is an approved Medicaid provider for many of its services.

St. Joseph's Villa admits clients of any race, color, gender, age, religion, disability or national origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accepted or made available to clients at St. Joseph's Villa. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, St. Joseph's Villa is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability and retaliation in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other agency-administered programs. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any U.S.D.A. related activity should write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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