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SOUTHWEST

EDUCATION

MFS Nurse Family Partnership

empowers vulnerable expectant families through regular home visits and support that is provided from specially trained nurses during their pregnancy through the child's second birthday. The expectant parents benefit by getting the care and support needed to have a healthy pregnancy. Throughout the partnership, the home visit nurse provides new parents with the confidence and tools needed to assure a healthy start for their babies. Participating families are able to envision a life of stability and opportunities for success of both mom and child.

ECONOMIC STABILITY

The Southwest Empowerment Team (SWEP)

provides valuable workforce development services for individuals ages 16 and up living in the South Suburban Cook Region. Individuals receive the foundational skills needed to obtain and retain employment while also receiving supportive services including case management, behavioral health services and various life-skills groups.

EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

Behavioral Mental Health offers recovery-based individual and group therapy services, case management, crisis intervention, community support and psychiatry. MFS Behavioral Mental Health services promote psychological, social and emotional development which helps to achieve and maintain recovery. MFS offers Behavioral Health Programs to children, adolescents and adults.

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Intake & Referral Program: 708-974-5147
Main Number: 708-974-2300

Merrionette Park

11560 South Kedzie Avenue, Suite 200, Merrionette Park, IL 60803
708-974-5800

Serving Blue Island, Burbank, Robbins, Ford Heights, Posen, Harvey, Hazelcrest, Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, Alsip, Hickory Hills, Homewood, Chicago Ridge, Palos Hills, Orland Park, Tinley Park, Oak Forest, Matteson, Midlothian, Merrionette Park, Dolton and other surrounding Suburban Southwest Cook County cities

Crisis Intervention Services

The MFS Southwest Crisis Intervention Team provides 24/7/365 rapid response to assess anyone within the community experiencing a potential mental health crisis, regardless of payor status. Mobile Crisis Response and stabilization services are provided in the community where the individual is located at the time of crisis and the team determines what level of care is most appropriate to keep the individual and community safe.

Pathways to Success

The Pathways to Success initiative enhances access to critical behavioral, medical and social services for children with complex behavioral health challenges in Illinois. As a Care Coordination and Service Organization (CCSO) agency, MFS is responsible for the coordination of care of multiple stakeholders involved in a child's or adolescent's treatment to ensure healthy and safe outcomes.

Southwest Safety Net is a safe, confidential and non-judgmental environment that serves as an alternative to seeking emergency room services for individuals in crisis. Upon arrival, individuals are paired with Behavioral Health staff to assist in managing their crisis and attaining stabilization. The objective is to provide an empathetic, supportive and comfortable environment, deferring individuals in crisis from the emergency room.

Community Integrated Living

Arrangement (CILA) offers a supported, shared-apartment living environment for adults with mental illness, with staff on-site 24 hours a day. Staff provide case management,

medication monitoring, transportation to medical appointments, and training to learn daily living skills. For more information, please call 708-974-5147.

Adoption and Guardianship Support and Preservation

provides home-based intervention to families formed through adoption or subsidized guardianship. Counseling, crisis intervention and 24-hour on-call assistance help address adjustment, grief/loss resolution, attachment, educational and emotional issues. This DCFS-supported program also provides therapeutic respite services, psycho-educational and support groups, workshops, and help securing resources.

Substance Use, Prevention, and Recovery Services (SUPR)

provide person-centered substance use treatment services for veterans, teens and adults that focus on the unique recovery experiences of each person and family served. Our clinical teams are trained in treating substance use disorders and grounded in harm-reduction principles. We prioritize safety and meet people where they are, offering support without judgment. Services begin with a thoughtful assessment and collaborative treatment planning. We encourage our participants to engage in group therapy, one-on-one counseling, and build strong support networks to assist in the treatment process.

EMPOWERMENT

Blue Island Robbins Neighborhood Network (BIRNN)

The BIRNN is a collaborative initiative that responds to community need in the Blue Island/Robbins community

by creating more expansive, stable and interconnected delivery of social services. United Way of Metro Chicago is a co-coordinator among network partners providing neighborhood-specific solutions to community challenges.

The Domestic Violence Advocacy

Program provides office-based services to survivors/victims of intimate partner abuse. Services may include brief in-person domestic violence case management, adult educational domestic violence groups, safety planning, crisis intervention, advocacy services, community outreach, referral and linkages. MFS provides workshops and presentations in the community to increase awareness of domestic violence services and available resources. Services are free, confidential and provided in both English and Spanish.

For 24-hour Emergency Services, the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline number is 1-877-863-6338.

Intake and Referral Program

Individuals and families seeking services have a welcoming and responsive MFS team member to help them get connected to agency services and referrals that benefit them.

For all programs please call MFS Southwest Intake at 708-974-5147.