MISSION STATEMENT

Bergen County's Division of Family Guidance provides clinical, residential, educational, correctional, case management and monitoring services to at-risk children, adolescents, and families, particularly those who are otherwise unable to receive needed services.

VISION

The Division of Family Guidance is Bergen County's resource for youth & families in need.

VALUES

- Collaborative, Creative, and Empirically Driven Programming
- Safe, Respectful, Dependable and Therapeutic Environments
- Developmentally Appropriate Expectations
- Empowerment through Opportunity
- Community Safety

BERGEN’S PLACE
YOUTH SHELTER
200 North Street
Teterboro, NJ 07608

Phone: (201) 336-3951
Fax: (201) 336-3965
OVERVIEW

- **Bergen’s Place Youth Shelter** is a state licensed residential crisis and homeless shelter for youth ages 11 through 17.
- Runaway, homeless and at-risk youth may access the program on a walk-in or referral basis 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- The program addresses youths’ immediate needs, including food, clothing, health and mental wellbeing.
- Bergen’s Place is a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQ youth.

**WHAT ARE THE GOALS?**

- To provide safe, temporary housing for youth experiencing homelessness, problems at home or in the community.
- To stabilize family crisis situations and improve family relations to facilitate reunification as quickly as possible or transition to safe and appropriate alternative living arrangements.
- To foster long-term relationships with caring adults.
- To advocate for youth in court or with community agencies.

**SERVICES**

- **Supervision**
  Residents are supervised 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **Health/Mental Health**
  A licensed pediatric nurse practitioner is available to address medical issues. A board certified licensed child and adolescent psychiatrist is available for psychiatric consultation and medication monitoring. Mental health professionals provide individual, family and group counseling.
- **Education**
  Residents attend school as arranged by their home districts. Residents who are no longer in school may elect to pursue a GED or vocational opportunities.
- **Food Services**
  A professional kitchen located on the premises provides nutritious and attractive meals and snacks.
- **Recreation**
  Age appropriate activities take place in the facility and the community.

**WHO REFERS?**

- Youth may seek admission without referral or be referred for voluntary admission by community members, schools, clergy, police departments, public agencies, and helplines such as 211 and 2nd Floor.
- New Jersey Superior Court, Family Part - Bergen County
- Bergen County Juvenile Intake
- The Juvenile Family Crisis Intervention Unit
- The Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P)