



Fact Sheet

Overview

Thompson Child & Family Focus is a Charlotte-based nationally accredited human services agency that provides specialized clinical and behavioral treatment, developmental education, and proactive care for at-risk children and families. The agency's holistic approach treats educational and emotional needs of fragile and/or emotionally disturbed children and their families from three locations:

- *Saint Peter's Lane Campus in Matthews* – administrative offices, psychiatric residential treatment and day treatment.
- *Child and Family Services Center on 7th Street* – outpatient counseling, foster care services, school-based therapy, family education, case management and intensive in-home services.
- *Thompson Early Childhood Services Center on Clanton Road* – preventive, developmental and educational center-based programming for children (birth to five years) and families; and Early Childhood Outreach services, with programs that support and mentor many other centers in a 3-county region.

History

For more than 120 years, Thompson has steadfastly remained true to its mission: to serve children and families through healing, teaching, worship and play. Founded as an orphanage of the Episcopal Church in 1886, Thompson began expanding its scope of services in the 1970s in the face of changing social needs, adding services for children whose lives were in disarray as a result of abuse, neglect and/or impoverished circumstances. The agency evolved again in the 1990s by complementing its intervention-focused treatment with educational and prevention programs to meet increasingly complex educational and emotional needs of children and the community. In June 2008, Thompson merged with the Family Center bringing its services, staff and programming under the Thompson umbrella, thereby reducing costs and overlapping services within the Charlotte region.

Today

Thompson is a regionally recognized model of progressive early childhood care and education, helping fragile children and families break cycles of distress that impede lifelong success. Through early intervention and current "promising practices" programming, Thompson guides children on their journeys toward full and healthy lives, while also positively impacting their families and the communities in which they live.

Thompson is one of the region's foremost providers of intensive clinical treatment for children who suffer from a range of mental health disabilities stemming from early and horrific life traumas. The agency's psychiatric residential treatment and outpatient programs provide an intensive level of medical and behavioral therapies that pave the way for many to reclaim a damaged childhood and ultimately lead a happier life.

Client outcomes across the continuum of services include: kindergarten readiness; child well being indicators that support intellectual, emotional and social happiness and success; and family indicators of safety and stability.

Tomorrow

To continue to meet the ever-growing needs, Thompson launched a \$10 million Capital Campaign, *Heroic Measures*, in October 2007. The campaign concluded in June 2008, reaching its \$10 million goal. Funds built a four-cottage complex at Thompson's 40-acre residential campus in Matthews, doubling the campus population; and a 24,000-square-foot Early Childhood Services Center on the agency's new Clanton Road campus in West Charlotte. This campus houses the new Thompson Child Development Center that serves 40 percent more children and families. The facility replaces Thompson's former Child Development Center that operated for more than a decade in the North Davidson area.

Thompson Saint Peter's Lane Campus

Thompson provides an array of nationally accredited programs, specialized services and treatment from its tranquil 40-acre campus in Matthews. A continuum of treatment and support for a range of mental health disabilities and attachment disorders includes:

- Highly personalized psychiatric residential treatment and clinical care. Four cottages, each with a licensed clinician and skilled direct care staff, serve up to 24 boys and girls, at any one time, ages 6-12.
- The School at Thompson - a day treatment program that focuses on changing behaviors that disrupt academic success by providing therapeutic supports within a school setting. Ages 6-12.
- Thompson administrative offices, the chapel, a recreational facility with pool, a cafeteria, and outdoor playgrounds and natural spaces are part of this healing environment.

Thompson Child and Family Services Center on 7th Street

Thompson's wide range of community programming is headquartered at this location and includes:

- **Foster Care Services:** therapeutic and specialized foster homes, and on-call assistance 24/7 by qualified Thompson professionals. Also provides overnight and hourly respite services.
- **Outpatient Therapy/Services:** support for children (all ages) and families exhibiting mental health needs and at-risk behaviors.
- **School-based Treatment Intervention Services:** intervention treatment/support for children within the daily school and home settings, in Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Counties.
- **Case Management:** providing assessments, screenings and referrals to mental health services for families.
- **Intensive In-home Services:** offering clinical care and counseling for children and families within their home (or community setting).
- **Family Education Services:** community and home-based services that offer assessment, stabilization, and education.

Thompson Early Childhood Services Center on Clanton Road

The Early Childhood Services Center is the nucleus for all Thompson's highly rated early childhood programs. It is comprised of early childhood multi-purpose educational facilities and classrooms, as well as space for community-based outreach training and consultation programs.

- **Thompson Child Development Center** provides year-round high quality early education and care for up to 150 children, birth to five years of age. This state-of-the-art, five-star, nationally accredited learning environment focuses on diversity that includes both children with special needs and those who are typically developing. Family support is provided through strong home/school partnerships.
- **Thompson Early Childhood Outreach Services** include a wide range of family support programming, as well as a three-county professional development training program and center-to-center peer counseling to strengthen supports for the inclusion of children with special needs in area programs.

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