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Referrals can be made directly by victims and their families or by members of the medical, legal, mental health, education or law enforcement fields.

Youth Trauma Program
A service of the May Institute and the Fernandes Center for Children & Families
located at
Saint Anne's Hospital
795 Middle Street, Fall River, MA 02721

Directions To Saint Anne's Hospital
From Providence, RI/points West: Route I-195 East from Providence toward Fall River. Follow to Massachusetts Exit 7 (Plymouth Avenue). Bear right off exit onto Plymouth Avenue. Follow for ½ mile to third set of traffic lights at top of hill (Lyon St.). Go right on Lyon St. and follow to stop sign (intersection with Second St.). Continue across intersection to Middle St. At second intersection (Ridge Street), go left for one block. At stop sign, go right for one block (Osborn St.). Please park as instructed by a member of our team.

From New Bedford/Cape Cod/points east: Route I-195 West to Exit 7 (Plymouth Avenue). Go left off exit onto Plymouth Avenue. Follow for ½ mile to third set of traffic lights at top of hill (Lyon St.). Go right on Lyon St. and follow to stop sign (intersection with Second St.). Continue across intersection to Middle St. At second intersection (Ridge Street), go left for one block. At stop sign, go right for one block (Osborn St.). Please park as instructed by a member of our team.

From Newport, RI and points south: Route 24 north to Fall River to I-195 West. Follow I-195 West to Exit 7 (Plymouth Ave.) and follow to traffic lights at bottom of exit. Go left on Plymouth Ave. and follow directions as above.

From Boston-Taunton, MA/points north: Route 24 South to Fall River to I-195 West. I-195 West to Exit 7 (Plymouth Ave.) and follow to traffic lights at bottom of exit. Go left on Plymouth Ave. and follow directions as above.

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Established in 1984, the Youth Trauma Program's mission is to assist children and families in dealing with the effects of trauma. The program reflects Saint Anne's Hospital's commitment to the diverse needs of the community and to the improvement of the physical and mental health of its population.

The Youth Trauma Program provides assessment and outpatient therapy services to child and adolescent victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse and other trauma, including loss of a loved one due to homicide, experiencing dating violence, or violence at home, among peers and in the community.

Professional services offered:
- Individual counseling
- Family counseling
- Trauma assessments
- Extended Forensic Interviews
- Specialized counseling for children with developmental disabilities who have been maltreated
- Group counseling, including groups for:
  - Parents
  - Grandparents raising grandchildren
  - Children
  - Adolescents
- Crisis response to schools
- Community outreach and education

Who is eligible for services?
Children and adolescents, from birth through 21, and their non-offending parents and family members are eligible for services.

How much do services cost?
Services are free. Our program is partially funded through a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant and Saint Anne's Hospital for the treatment of victims of sexual abuse and violence who live in Southeastern Massachusetts.

About our staff
The Youth Trauma Program is staffed by a full-time clinical coordinator and specially trained, master's-prepared clinicians. Our staff are dedicated to helping children and their families who have been traumatized heal and build resiliency. Staff are trained in the National Child Advocacy Center Extended Forensic Interview protocol for use with children when there is a question of sexual abuse. Program staff have expertise in several evidence-based models of therapy to help you and your child on the path to recovery.

Common signs of trauma seen in children:
- Anxiety or fear
- Frequent memories of the event
- Reenacting the event in the child’s play
- Nightmares
- Feelings of helplessness
- Lack of interest in activities they once enjoyed
- Difficulty concentrating
- Difficulty with sleep or eating habits
- Anger or irritability
- Hypervigilance or “jumpiness”
- Problems in social, behavioral or school functioning

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