



## STEP-DOWN/TRANSITIONAL FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Brandon believes that discharge planning begins at admission and that lengths of stay should be as short as possible. To that end, family work must be as intensive as possible with an emphasis on family reunification. Movement to a less restrictive setting is the goal when family reunification is not possible. Brandon's case managers and psychotherapists work with each boy and his family to facilitate successful reintegration in as short a time as possible.



### Goals of Step-Down/Transitional Family Support Services:

- To provide aggressive discharge planning beginning at admission
- To establish effective linkages with community-based providers to facilitate support after discharge
- To provide a strength-based approach with boys and their families

### Special Features of Step-Down/Transitional Family Support Services:

- Flexible home and on-site visitation schedules
- Assistance with transportation
- 24-hour on-call support to families
- Behavior management and conflict resolution support to families by psychotherapists, case managers and residential staff
- Comprehensive discharge planning with transitional, step-down support provided to community support providers
- Educational planning with home school systems
- Aftercare and respite services as appropriate

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