

Amethyst Place Families

Amethyst Place candidates who qualify for a referral are homeless mothers or pregnant women:

- in recovery from alcohol and/or other drug addiction.
- with a minimum 30 days of confirmed sobriety.
- who have a child/children who can reside with the candidate or are within 30 days of reunification. (Please note, maximum age for sons is 12 years and maximum age for daughters is 13 years.)
- receiving services from one of the participating Board agencies.

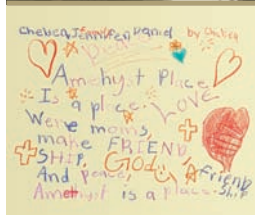
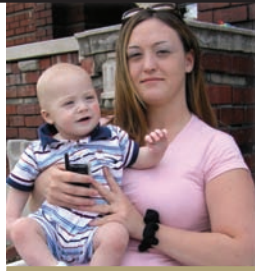
"I remember when moms would finish drug treatment and have to go back to the same environment where their addiction began. Now, Amethyst Place gives them a supportive transition where they can maintain their sobriety and rebuild their family"

**- Sister Berta Sailer,
Co-Founder & Director of
Operation Breakthrough**

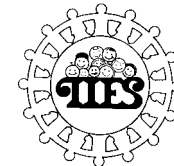
The admission process includes a pre-admission interview to solicit an applicant's input regarding her:

- understanding of her addiction.
- recovery plan.
- vocational/educational plans.
- commitment to participate in our structured program.

Families must commit to stay in the program for at least six months, with a maximum length of stay to be determined by the family's goals and progress.



A sub-committee of the Metropolitan Task Force on Drug Exposed Infants initiated the Amethyst Place project in May 2000. It evolved into a collaborative effort of a variety of service agencies in Kansas City, Missouri. Many of the agencies listed below are represented on the Board of Directors and are also the referring entities.



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Mission Statement

To provide safe and supportive housing to recovering families that promotes sobriety, recovery, parenting, effective household management, and healthy community relationships; and to facilitate a transition to a successful independent housing and interdependent living.



“Since May 2000, Amethyst Place has made it possible for Family Drug Court families to be reunified. The structure and services provided by Amethyst Place make it possible for mothers and their children to live together in a safe, nurturing and drug free environment. Without this program, it would not be possible for some families to ever reunify.”

**- Commissioner Molly Merrigan
Jackson County Family Drug Court,
Division 44**

Offering the best of both worlds for newly recovering families...

Private Apartments

Amethyst Place families reside in well maintained and fully furnished two and three-bedroom apartments. We are located in the heart of the Historic Longfellow/Dutch Hill Neighborhood.



The private and secure apartments are located within a community of families who share the mutual goal of maintaining a healthy and drug-free life for themselves and their children.

For their recovery efforts, residents who successfully complete our program receive their furnishings as a gift to use toward their fresh start in interdependent housing.

Extensive Support Services

Amethyst Place is led by Executive Director Lisa Mizell, who with on-site staff work in cooperation with community-based case managers and agency support team members to ensure the highest quality of service is provided to residents.

Structure is an essential component of our supportive residential environment. Residents must learn to live with:

- a curfew.
- planned visiting hours.
- community meetings.
- personal responsibility and accountability.

Community-based outreach and educational services address positive parenting, employment, health care, educational and legal issues to provide resident families the skills they need to live a productive life of sobriety.

Amethyst Place Fees

The Missouri Department of Mental Health provides monthly funding to Amethyst Place to cover the cost of rent and utilities for each household. Each Amethyst Place resident contributes 30% of their adjusted gross income to Amethyst Place to cover program related services.



“Being here has helped my mom get her life together and make things better for my sister and me. It has given us a place to live and rules that help us be better people. It isn't always easy, but thanks to Amethyst Place my mom is better. Some day we'll have a place of our own.”

**Tyrese, age 11
Child Resident of Amethyst Place**

