

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: the maximum age for children is 13 years.)
- receiving services from one of the participating Board agencies.

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.

"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 and Director
of Operation Breakthrough



A subcommittee of the Metropolitan Task Force on Drug Exposed Infants initiated the Amethyst Place project in May, 2000. It has 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.



Metropolitan Task Force on Drug Exposed Infants
multidisciplinary task force serving drug exposed infants and their families



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Assisting Women and Their Children in Recovery

Private Apartments

Amethyst Place families reside in well-maintained and fully furnished two- and three-bedroom apartments. We are located in the heart of Midtown Kansas City. 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 inter-dependent housing.



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 expenses.

Extensive Support Services

Amethyst Place is led by Executive Director, Lisa Mizell, who, with on-site staff, works in conjunction 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 in providing resident families the skills they need to live a productive life of sobriety.

"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



I really like this place because everyone is so kind and does whatever they can to help someone out. I'm happy here because it changed my mother's life completely. When she was out in the streets every night, I used to be scared. I was worried about my mother and prayed every night that she would come home to me and my little brother. My wonderful mother is doing her best to do everything she can to keep our family together, and she is doing a great job if you ask me. Thank you, Amethyst Place!

- Jhonetta, age 13

Amethyst Place Alumni Housing

These apartments offer less restrictive housing opportunities for graduates of Amethyst Place by offering the women and their children guidance and support in their continued life of sobriety. Please contact the Executive Director for additional details.



MISSION STATEMENT . . .

To provide safe and supportive housing to women and their children recovering from alcohol and other drug addictions.