PREVENTION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prevention is a proactive process which empowers individuals and systems to meet the challenges of life events. This is accomplished by creating and reinforcing conditions that promote healthy behaviors and lifestyles. Primary prevention serves community needs by initiating programs to include information and knowledge, educational workshops and community events to the residents of Berkeley County.

These programs and events are formally initiated through the Prevention Management Plan in which each one is carried out, monitored and evaluated through the use of specific indicators.

- Information and knowledge about the risks of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use
- Education workshops and programs designed to meet the needs of specific populations
- Community events providing drug-free alternative activities
- Support of laws and community norms promoting low-risk and no-use behaviors
- Problem identification and referral providing access to resources and support
- Coordination of the Berkeley County Prevention Board, promoting safe and healthy, drug-free communities

As well as serving as a Speaker Bureau to the local community, The Prevention Board sponsors three major community events each year:

- Candlelight Memorial
- Ongoing resource to local schools
- Family Fest! Picnic in the Park

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The cost of the services provided vary in accordance with the assessed needs of each person served and is based on an established schedule of fees.

Most private insurance and Medicaid is accepted.

Individual arrangements for payments can be made through the Finance office.
Our Adult Outpatient Program offers a wide variety of services to meet the varied needs of individuals and families dealing with substance abuse, dependence, or related high risk behaviors. Outpatient counseling is customized based on individual needs and can range from group counseling once or twice per week to one-on-one sessions once every couple of weeks.

Our Youth Outpatient Program offers a wide variety of services to meet the unique needs of adolescents and their families dealing with substance abuse, dependence, or related high risk behaviors. Outpatient counseling is customized for each person based on their individual needs and can range from group counseling sessions once or twice per week to one-on-one sessions once every couple of weeks.

Our intensive Outpatient component is our highest level of care and offers a comprehensive approach that meets conveniently at least 9 hours per week. This type of service is designed for those that may require a more intensive focus to help get on the road to recovery. This practical level of care allows people to remain on their jobs, in school, with their families, and in their communities with minimum disruption.

The Bridge Program provides a full year of family-centered intensive case management for Berkeley and Charleston county adolescents preparing for release from a juvenile justice facility or discharge from an inpatient addictions treatment facility.

Because the move from an institutional or other residential settings represent a difficult time for both the adolescent and the family, the Bridge offers a gradual step-down transition into the community by providing a comprehensive array of specialized services.

All of our services are offered in a safe and healthy therapeutic environment that promotes gaining valuable education and knowledge, learning practical life skills, developing self-awareness and a sense of personal responsibility and hope.

Through a team of caring, compassionate, and dedicated professionals, who meet the highest standards and qualifications, The Kennedy Center gives hope to those affected by substance abuse, addiction and other high-risk behaviors.

Our progressive and proven programs and services stress that adverse effects are both preventable and treatable.

For More Information or to Make an Appointment Call:
(843) 761-8272
From the Charleston Area:
(843) 577-9181

HOURS OF OPERATION

Traditional office hours are from 8:30 am through 5:00 pm Monday through Friday with evening appointments available. Emergency phone contact available after hours and on weekends.

CONFIDENTIALITY & PRIVACY

The Kennedy Center places a high priority on confidentiality and privacy. Information and records are strictly protected by Federal and State guidelines, regulations, and laws.