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# newsletter

*Where Compassion Meets Action*

## Destination:



# *Family*

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Florence Crittenton provides innovative, comprehensive services and nurturing programs that engage and empower children, young adults and young families to thrive and build productive lives.

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## WHO WE ARE

Florence Crittenton is a leader in family and early childhood services. We provide effective intervention and prevention services to families of young children. With the support of partners like you, Florence Crittenton offers a comprehensive array of services, including therapeutic residential care, home visiting, community parenting classes, outpatient treatment services for mental health and substance use disorders, and early education and childcare opportunities for children 0-4.



Dear Friends,

*Happy Spring greetings! I do hope in these particularly uncertain times, this newsletter finds you and your family safe, healthy, and finding joy in this slower lifestyle we have had to quickly become accustomed to in recent months.*

*These are challenging times to say the least. Only maybe once in a person's lifetime will we experience something that affects every person from every corner of the world. It is oddly unnerving, isolating, and uniting all at the same time. As is the case in any major crisis, we are forced to examine our lives and the world around us and to truly understand what is important to us. I think for many of us the gift of our families has risen to the top. Many have had the opportunity to spend more time with their children in a step back from our usual ragged pace. Many of us have become teachers (while realizing there is a reason, we didn't become teachers!) in our own homes. Some have seen the terrible sadness of losing loved ones or not being able to see them, and others still are facing terribly anxious times worrying about their jobs. Not one of us is immune to the affects.*

*But during these times we have also found our heroes. Those that have continued to care for the sick and our most vulnerable families. I am so proud to say that the staff at Florence Crittenton are some of those many that have stepped up and provided care to families that need our help and support now more than ever. We are a family of 47 strong that, because of you and for you, we will continue to show up for these families we are honored to serve.*

*Florence Crittenton has been here serving Montana families for 120 years, through our country's darkest days, ensuring no family is left in that darkness. Because of you, we will continue to serve through these uncertain times. Thank you for helping us bring light.*

*Wishing you peace, health, and safety,*

*Carrie Krepps, Executive Director*



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# HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

## *Emily's Story*



Before I found help from Florence Crittenton I was living in a small apartment, working full time with 2 small children with little help or support from a partner with mental health issues. I felt overwhelmed. I wanted to be the best mom I could to my two beautiful blessings and to encourage their development. I felt that I was struggling to meet all their needs and that I was fighting to give them a happy, healthy, enriching life as well getting to a doctor to listen to my concerns.

Florence Crittenton's Home Visitor provided a much-needed resource of support to help ensure my children were meeting milestones and gave us extra resources to further their development mentally and physically. The Home Visitor also gave us resources for getting my

eldest child treated for Asthma by bringing in an asthma nurse who also educated us about asthma and helped us to make life better. Our home visitor also provided emotional support which I really appreciated.

I learned so many new ways to encourage my children to grow in all aspects. I now feel like I am succeeding as a mom. I feel that my parenting skills are improving to meet the needs of my kids as they grow, and new aspects arrive.

Without our home visitor's help, I would probably still be feeling overwhelmed. I am sure I would be fighting with doctors to get my daughter help with asthma because her symptoms are mild, and she would still be having trouble getting good rest. I would be questioning myself about parenting, wondering what kinds of things I should be doing with them to encourage their growth. My son just graduated from speech therapy in Head Start, thanks to encouragement and activities from our home visitor and speech therapist.

Having a home visitor has made a big difference to our family. Today we are doing great, we still have challenges, but we are working through them with support. My children are excelling and exceeding milestones. They communicate well for their ages and I feel confident and supported as a parent.

These programs are so important. Successful families make successful future families and this program creates a village that all families need. I have really loved having our home visitor. My home was in need of support and was struggling. We have come so far to having a happy, healthy, growing home. Our home visitor has been a huge part of our success by providing support and resources that have changed our lives for the better.

### HOME VISITING PROGRAMS

#### SAFE CARE:

SafeCare home visiting serves families with children ages 0-5 by providing prevention-based services across 3 domains: parent/child or infant interaction, safety, and health. SafeCare is typically conducted in weekly home visits lasting from 60-90 minutes each. The program typically lasts 18-20 weeks for each family.

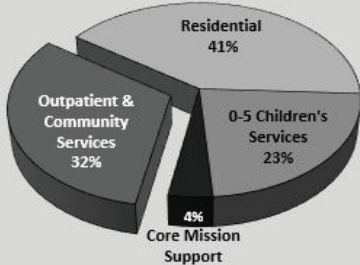
#### PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Parents As Teachers® (PAT) serves families prenatally through 5 years of age. PAT home visitors work with parents/caregivers in their home setting to increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parenting practices, provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, prevent child abuse and neglect, and increase children's school readiness and school success. PAT visitors typically meet with families weekly and may engage with a family for up to 2 years.

# YOUR SUPPORT

## OUTPATIENT & COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

Florence Crittenton Programs



### CONTINUUM OF CARE

*Florence Crittenton works to achieve our goals through 3 divisions of services: Residential Services, 0-5 Services, and Outpatient & Community-Based Services. Utilizing the ARC trauma responsive framework, FCHS programs that serve at-risk parents, young children, and young families effectively providing a continuum of care depending on the intensity of needs and support of each family. FCHS maintains a philosophy and standard of care that every family deserves to be treated as a whole family, with dignity, compassion and respect.*

*In the last two newsletters, we gave a deeper explanation of our residential and 0-5 Services. In this last installment of this 3-part series we will take a closer look at our Outpatient & Community Services.*

Florence Crittenton Outpatient and Community-Based programs offer an array of services for families of young children in our residential programs, those transitioning from our residential programs back to the community, and any family in the greater Lewis & Clark County area. While Florence Crittenton has offered community-based parenting classes and home visiting services for over 5 years to the Helena community, the addition of our outpatient services now allows us to serve those parents and caregivers that may need mental health and/or substance use disorder recovery, but do not require residential treatment. The combination of classes, home visiting, and outpatient services can give a family the opportunity to receive comprehensive, family-centered treatment and support, while remaining together in their own home.

Our outpatient and community-based services can be billed to a variety of insurance companies, including Medicaid, and are offered on a sliding scale making sure services are available to anyone seeking treatment, regardless of their ability to pay.

### Outpatient Mental Health Services for Families

Rooted in Florence Crittenton's philosophy of caring for the whole person, we now offer outpatient treatment services that focus on addressing substance use and mental health within the context of the whole family. One of the most important components of substance use treatment for parents is treating the client within their family setting. Mothers, especially, report they do not access treatment for substance use due to fear they will have to leave their family.

Florence Crittenton's outpatient program's focus on addressing not just the immediate mental health or substance use disorder (SUD), but also address underlying trauma, while also examining how these challenges are affecting a client's ability to parent. Services include individual and family therapy, substance use recovery groups, and case management.

These services can be accessed as a standalone, or in combination with other community-based services.



# AT WORK

## Home Visiting Services

Home Visiting is an integral part of Florence Crittenton's continuum of care for families. The program serves a dual purpose within the organization: to provide support services to families as they transition out of residential programs back into their community; and to provide support services to families that may not need residential care but could benefit from additional education and support around parenting. We are proud to be a part of The Partnership for Families, a collaboration with AWARE, Florence Crittenton, and the Lewis & Clark County Health Department, that provides in-home supports to families in the greater L&C County area. Florence Crittenton has been providing the evidence-based SafeCare and Parents As Teachers home visiting services through this partnership for over 6 years to any family in these communities with children ages 0-5. Additionally, we are now licensed to provide SafeCare services to families as part of their Family Drug Treatment plan or their treatment plan with Child Protective Services. All home visiting services are offered free of charge to any family.

Our staff are trained in their respective modalities and provide not only evidence-based curriculum, but can also serve as great support to parents as they navigate the often challenging and uncertain waters of early parenting. Many clients affectionately refer to their home visitor as their very own Mary Poppins!

## Parenting Classes

Perhaps Florence Crittenton's most universal services are our parenting classes. We offer an array of classes that aim to increase parent knowledge and skills, help parents/caregivers relate their own childhood with their relationship to their child, attunement to their children, bonding and attachment, and creating a safe and healthy living environment. Classes run throughout the year and are open to all families with children 0-5 in the greater Helena area. They can be offered within Florence Crittenton's Outpatient setting or through other community settings, such as churches and schools.

**Circle of Security Parenting®** - Attachment-based nurturing approach to understanding children's needs.

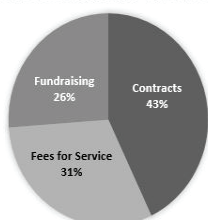
**Love & Logic** - Relationship-based natural consequences approach to parenting

**Nurturing Parenting** - For parents who are in treatment and/or recovery for substance use problems

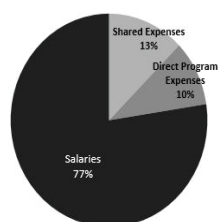
**Loving Your Baby From The Inside Out** - A nurturing prenatal baby-focused course that helps young mothers bond with their baby and prepare for birth.

## YOUR INVESTMENT CHANGES LIVES & OUR COMMUNITIES

OUTPATIENT & COMMUNITY REVENUE SOURCES



OUTPATIENT & COMMUNITY EXPENSES



Early intervention with families is one of the most critical components to keeping a family stable and reducing incarcerations, dependence on assistance programs, and decreasing the number of children in our foster care system.

These efforts all work best when they begin at home. A combination of state contracts, fees for services, insurance payments, and fundraising dollars allow Florence Crittenton to offer outpatient and community-based services to families before more intensive interventions are needed. The early investment increases the chances of success for families and improves outcomes for our entire community.

Information based on anticipated FY2020 budget.

# YOUR COMPASSION IN ACTION

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: PETER SULLIVAN



I was first introduced to the Florence Crittenton home in March of 1964 when I and my family moved into a home at 5 Washington Place. At that time the Home was located on Jefferson St., just a few blocks away. I think I began giving them small donations at that time, although I was not aware of all the things they did. Over the years my wife became very interested in helping the Home and as my business grew. I was able to give them more.

They moved their location to Warren St. and then eventually to a new home at its present location. I was involved in helping to raise money for the new home and actually served on the Board many years back. I continued to appreciate all the good work that they do and gave them financial help to support the staff. I whole-heartedly support the staff and the great work that they do and really appreciate the Newsletter.

I have supported many non-profits in the Helena area over the years as my business prospered and found that the more support I give, the more blessings come my way. I feel fortunate that I can continue this practice of giving to organizations that fill so many needs in this wonderful community. I hope that this brief article will inspire others to experience the warm feelings that I get by giving to those in need and those organizations, like the Florence Crittenton Home, who do so much for the people in need in our community.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, August 20th 5:30 - 9:30pm  
Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds Atrium



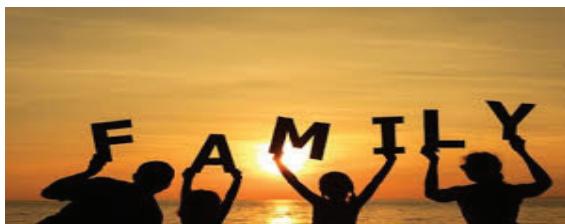
We are preparing for the spectacular 10th annual **Support Our Girls!** If you are looking for a great reason to get dolled up, laugh hysterically, and support Florence Crittenton, then Support Our Girls is for you. Our very own Shane Larson will be your host again this year, and his costumes and pageantry are just a few of the many highlights of the evening! The night includes a spectacular live auction of artistically decorated bras coupled with incredible packages donated by local “bratists,” a silent auction of fabulous designer handbags, and a raffle that will knock your socks off! The event will be held at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds Atrium and catered by award-winning Chili O’Brien’s and drinks provided Overland Express. Visit our website for tickets and details starting in June. We hope you will join us for a fabulous night out to support our young moms, babies and families.

**Contact Darby Belcher (406) 442-6950 x216 with questions or if you are interested in donating.**



# BE PART OF THE CHANGE

## HAPPY FAMILY DAY!



Rather than just celebrating Mother's or Father's Day this year, let's celebrate Family Day! We learn more every day about how to heal and restore families. Our goal is to help moms, dads, and caregivers be the best they can be for their children. Your support gives us the opportunity to provide services to families, for a happier, healthier, life and community for everyone.

**Here are just a few of the ways YOU can be a part of a young family's journey into healing:**

### GIFT CARDS FOR FAMILIES

Gift cards are a great way you can assist young families. Target, Walmart, grocery, cash gift cards, and many others are a huge help throughout the year, as they allow us to purchase the most urgent needs for a family and great for celebrating a milestone, achievement, or birthday.

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### MAKE A CASH DONATION

Unrestricted cash donations are a convenient and incredibly helpful way to support families at Florence Crittenton any time of year. Cash donations support the general operation of all of our programs, as well as maintenance needs, staff training, and immediate needs of our clients. During these uncertain times cash donations are as important as ever.

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### BECOME A BELIEVER

Believer's Circle members make monthly or quarterly cash donations to support programs at Florence Crittenton. Monthly gifts are a great way to make a small donation each month that really adds up (see side bar to the right!).

If you would like more information on how you, your business, group, or church can be a part of helping families, please contact Marchita Mays at 406.442.6950 x204 or [marchitam@florencecrittenton.org](mailto:marchitam@florencecrittenton.org)

*Here are a few ways your compassion in action can change lives:*

**\$5,000**

One month in our Transitional Living Program for mother's ages 12-21 and their children.

*It costs \$160 per day for food, shelter, basic necessities, and transportation.*

**\$3,000**

One scholarship in our preschool for 6 months. *Quality childcare is one of the most important aspects of stable income for a family. Childcare support decreases employee absences by up to 30% and job turnover by as much as 60%.*

**\$1,000 (\$80/month)**

Diapers for 1 baby for 1 year. *Florence Crittenton goes through an average of 25,000 diapers each year!*

**\$250 (\$20/month)**

The cost of one of our staff to spend the night in the hospital with a client in labor that who otherwise be alone. *Being there for our clients in these most critical moments is some of the most important work we do.*

**\$100**

The cost of one home visit. *Our home visitors spend quality time, often in the evenings, with families; helping parents learn new skill, and working with children, and helping make homes safe.*

# PINK 2020 SPONSORS & DONORS

*Thank you to all of our amazing corporate sponsors and auction donors for their contributions to the 2020 Paint the Town PINK. These partners ensure that every penny raised the night of PINK goes straight to helping the families in our care.*

*Note: PINK auction and raffle purchasers and live drive donors will be recognized in our 2020 Fall Newsletter.*

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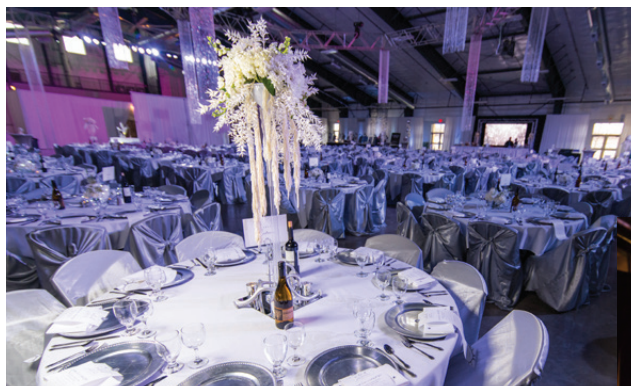


## PINK HITS A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR!

This was one for the books, as we celebrated a record-breaking year at PINK, raising much needed funds to care for our most vulnerable families. Due to all your incredible support, Paint the Town PINK grossed over \$290,000. We can't thank our volunteers, auction donors, corporate sponsors and, of course, our fabulous attendees enough...what can we say, our supporters are AMAZING!

The amount we raised at Pink and throughout the year goes right back to our communities by allowing a new start for our young families and creating productive, healthy children and parents.

**WE WILL SEE YOU ALL NEXT FEBRUARY 6, 2021 FOR THE 19TH ANNUAL PAINT THE TOWN PINK!**



# IN-KIND DONORS

*Donations made January 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020.*

*Donations of a value of \$100 or more are listed.*

In-kind donations are a vital part of our programs at FC. Donations range from professional services, diapers and food, furniture, books and games, clothing and unused toiletry items. Thank you for thinking of our young families!

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