



Christie's Place

Transforming lives since 1996™

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

**INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR WOMEN,
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

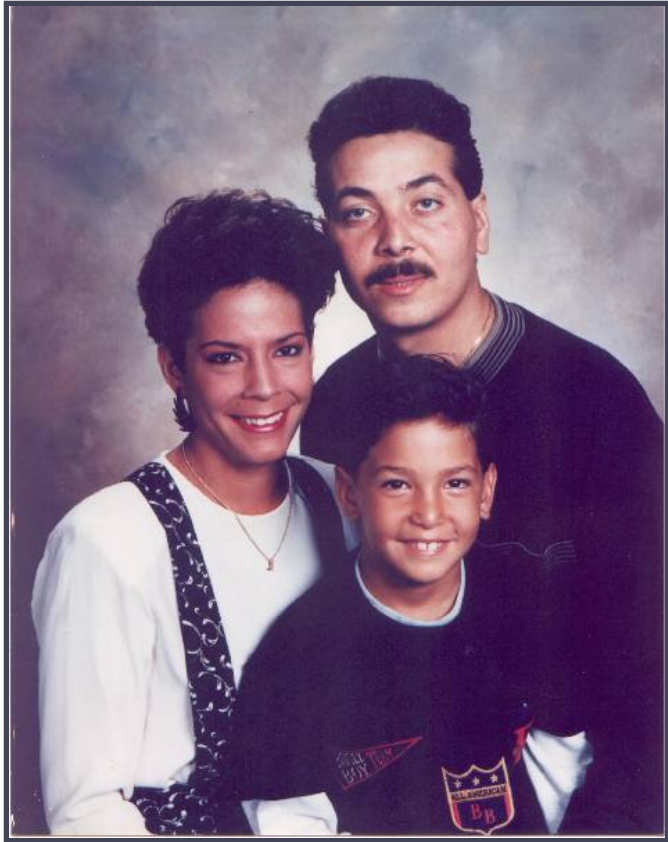
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CHRISTIE'S PLACE HISTORY

Christie's Place began providing services in 1996. The center is dedicated to the memory of Christie Milton-Torres.

In 1985, at age 20, Christie was diagnosed with HIV and her husband, Angel, was diagnosed two months later with AIDS. Fortunately, their only child was born HIV negative even though there were no medications to prevent mother to child transmission.

At a time when very few women were speaking out about their experiences with HIV, Christie became a spokesperson and advocated for the needs of families living with HIV/AIDS. In an early interview with El Sol del San Diego newspaper Christie talked about what life was like for a family living with HIV. Christie said, "HIV/AIDS doesn't discriminate." Christie knew that long before others were recognizing it. Christie died in 1994.



CHRISTIE'S PLACE HISTORY



- Christie's Place was co- founded by Christie's mother, Irene Milton. The organization's mission statement reflects Christie's vision.
- What started as a small grassroots organization has grown into a comprehensive support center guided by its mission. Over 1,100 women, children and families are served annually. At Christie's Place clients can access a substantial range of services provided by a network of collaborative partners that empower women and families to help themselves.
- Christie's Place utilizes a multidisciplinary and integrated psychosocial model of service that serves the entire family unit, not just the infected person.



VISION STATEMENT

We are committed to serving with integrity, respect and dignity.

VALUE STATEMENT

Until there is a cure, Christie's Place is a leader committed to serving women, children, and families living with or affected by HIV/AIDS. By providing comprehensive social services in a safe, supportive and welcoming environment, we encourage those we serve to improve the quality of their lives.

MISSION

Christie's Place is a nonprofit social service organization in San Diego County that provides HIV/AIDS education, support and advocacy. Our mission is to empower women, children, families and individuals whose lives have been impacted by HIV/AIDS to take charge of their health and well-being.



ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

- Provide social & supportive services to assist women & families with children in maintaining and/or improving their personal health status and quality of life.
- Foster self-empowerment and develop leadership skills for women. Facilitate the ability of women to take an active role in their own care and treatment, and in planning for services.
- Increase access to health care.
- Develop strategies to overcome real and perceived barriers to the system of care.



CONTINUUM OF SERVICES

Clinical Services

- Family Centered Case Management
- Family Casework
- Mental Health Services individual, couples & family counseling
- Drug & Alcohol Counseling (coming soon)

Supportive Services

- Afternoon TEE
- ADAP
- Healthy Families Enrollment
- Childcare/Babysitting
- Children's & Families Social & Recreational Activities
- Clothing
- Complementary (Holistic) Therapies
- Computer Lab
- Coordinated Services Center (Drop-In Center)
- Diapers
- Family/Peer Advocacy Services
- Food (pantry & bag)
- Health Education
- Information & Referral
- Outreach
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Support Groups
- Treatment Information & Education

Advocacy Services

Transformations - *The Sisterhood Project*

- Friends for Life: Peer Mentor Program
- Hook Into Vitality (HIV University)
- Mujer
- Project *SPEAK* Up!
- Lotus Project Partner Site*
- Educational Workshops Trainings

**Through WORLD & The Center for Health Training*



THE TEAM

- Client identified with unmet need via outreach (*Outreach Coordinator*)
- Client enrolled in services & service needs identified:
 - Family-centered case management (*Case Manager*)
 - Mental health counseling (*Counselor*)
 - Health education (*Bilingual Health Educator*)
 - Peer support (*Family Advocate/Case Worker*)
 - Childcare assistance and referrals (*Childcare Coordinator*)
 - Basic needs assistance (*all staff*)
 - Support groups (*volunteers/peers/counselor*)
 - Empowerment support (*Family Advocate/Case Worker, Executive Director, Operations Manager*)



EFFECTS OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES & INTERVENTIONS

Clients report:

- Brought out of isolation
- Provided mutual support
- Increased knowledge of HIV disease & secondary prevention
- Increased knowledge of HIV care, treatment and support services
- Increased knowledge of HIV treatment options
- Increased access to health care and other support services
- Health and quality of life was maintained or improved



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