ANDRUS CHILDREN’S CENTER

Andrus Children’s Center, Yonkers, NY

The Sanctuary Model

Abstract: Andrus Children’s Center has a longstanding history in the New York metropolitan area for excellence in a range of services to children and families. Ten years ago, the campus programs became a proving ground for a trauma-informed organizational and environment-based care intervention called the Sanctuary Model. Within five years of introducing the model on campus, Andrus’ leadership partnered with Sanctuary founder, Dr. Sandra Bloom, to construct a training institute to offer the innovative Sanctuary Model to other human service organizations. The model provides a roadmap for the integration of its novel service system into agencies to transform them into more effective, efficient, and responsive organizations. The early successes sparked the birth of what is now the Sanctuary Institute at Andrus, which serves reciprocal roles as an innovative field laboratory to study organizational change and a premier training center to disseminate that knowledge. It does this by integrating three fundamental elements: 1. The Sanctuary Model, a blueprint for clinical and organizational change; 2. The Sanctuary Implementation Process, a non-hierarchical system-wide implementation strategy; and 3. The Sanctuary Network, a community of over 150 agencies worldwide that expands the knowledge base in the field of trauma-informed care.

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