

## How You Can Help

- Make a contribution. The financial support of individuals, corporations and foundations allows us to enrich the programs and services we provide.
- Become a part of our Family Bound Program that offers short-term introductions to being a part of a family.
- Mentor a young person as he or she transitions into interdependence.
- Provide employment opportunities for youth in our care. We partner with numerous small and large-sized businesses to provide short-term and part-time jobs for youth.
- Help broaden a young person's career choices by offering internships through your company or organization.

To begin helping today, please call us at 718.895.2555, ext. 115.



## About SCO Family of Services

SCO Family of Services provides a diverse continuum of human care programs for children and families throughout New York City and Long Island. Each year, our programs reach more than 30,000 New Yorkers in need. Our core service areas include preventive services, foster care and adoption, youth development services, homelessness services, schools, school-based programs, mental health programs and services and homes for people with developmental disabilities.

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## Community Residential Programs

Encouraging Youth and Empowering Families in their Home Communities



## Protecting Youth, Connecting Families

SCO Family of Services operates a network of residences, small family homes and supervised apartments for youth and young adults in need of temporary respite. We work closely with all youth in the foster care system to reunite them with their families and also to help older youth prepare for interdependent living in the community.

Our network of professionals in youth development, after care, permanency and medical and mental health services ensures that our programs are delivered with care, concern and compassion for each individual we serve.

## Our Approach



SCO's treatment program is rooted in the classical approaches pioneered by residential treatment experts over the past 70 years. We address the trauma that underlies behavioral

issues that can make it difficult for the young people we serve to function within a family while we also offer case management services to address dysfunctions and stressors within the family itself.

## Closer to Home

Our residences are located in neighborhoods familiar to our youth and their families throughout Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and the Bronx. The location of these homes allows our youth to remain connected to their own schools, friends, resources and places of worship while they are in our care and are preparing for reunification with their families or interdependent living. Youth who do not have families to whom they can return are encouraged to participate in our Family Bound group that prepares them for eventual placement with an alternate resource person.

## Our Support Services

### Aftercare and Permanency Program (ACAP)

Our ACAP program utilizes an evidence-based approach to working with families to decrease the length of time that children spend in out-of-home placement and to ensure their successful, permanent return to home, family and community.

### GLBTQ Programs

All of our programs serve GLBTQ youth. In addition, we operate a network of programs specifically designed to serve the GLBTQ population and to create nurturing, home-like environments that affirm differences in culture, ethnicity and sexual orientation.

## Youth Development Services

Our programs help prepare our youth for interdependent living by assisting them in learning skills necessary to live safe, secure and meaningful lives after leaving foster care. Specialized Sobriety Groups are offered in our homes to help prevent substance and alcohol abuse.

### Special Education

We offer an "in-house" school program for young people struggling with extraordinary challenges. The Center for Living and Learning offers our youth the opportunity to attend classes in their homes where they can learn in a specialized and safe environment.

### SCO Works

Our internship program works through the collaboration of our youth, our social service teams and our community partners. Local community businesses and organizations provide our youth experience in a work environment, model basic work skills and provide real supervisory feedback.

### Medical and Mental Health Services

We ensure that the youth in our care have the opportunity to attain and maintain optimal medical and mental health by providing services to our youth directly in our homes and through other agency and community-based services.