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#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**After Hours:** Fairfield Behavioral Health Services does not offer services after hours. For emergencies that require immediate assistance please call 911 or visit the nearest Hospital Emergency Room. For non-urgent services please contact our office, listen carefully and leave a message for the appropriate staff member. A phone call will be returned to you during our normal business hours.

Accepts Private Insurance, Medicaid, &  
Private Cash/Credit Card Payments



**MISSION** Fairfield Behavioral Health Services is dedicated to providing quality, accessible and affordable alcohol, tobacco and other drug intervention, treatment, prevention and education services to the residents of Fairfield County.

#### VISION

- To remain the lead agency in the county to address alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse problems;
- To be the primary service provider for alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention, intervention and treatment;
- Maintain national accreditation;
- Expand prevention, intervention and treatment programs to meet issues created by alcohol, tobacco and other drug use;
- Obtain adequate funding to meet the needs of the consumers; and
- Use collaborative resources and develop an innovative, comprehensive, holistic program (approach) to meet community needs

#### PRIMARY GOALS

- *Delay onset of youth drug use and promote health and safe living through prevention activities;*
- *Improve emotional, behavioral and social functioning;*
- *Reduce substance use, increase sobriety and sustain recovery that produces better outcomes; and*
- *Prevent or reduce frequency and severity of recurrence*
- Committed to **confidential, evidenced-based, best practice, accessible and affordable** services provided by **licensed, certified and trained** staff

#### HISTORY

- Created by the South Carolina Act 301 of 1973
- One (1) of 32 county alcohol and drug abuse authorities
- Public nonprofit agency
- Designated by Fairfield County Council in 1979 as the **sole county authority for alcohol and drug abuse services**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Director - Marion C. Smith (1975-1995); 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary K. Irby (1995-2005) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vernon Kennedy Sr. (2006-present)

#### AFFILIATIONS

- Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) (*internationally recognized standards*)
- Licensed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
- Contract Provider for the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS)
- Behavioral Health Services Association of South Carolina – *Member*
- United Way Community Impact Partner
- Winnsboro Rotary Club – *Member*
- Fairfield Community Coordinating Council – *Member*
- Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce – *Member*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** **Nine (9)** volunteer members appointed by Fairfield County Council; Meets monthly 6:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at the agency: *Rev. Quincy Pringle (Chair), Mr. Brian Bonds (Vice Chair), Mr. Randy Small (Treasurer), Mr. Eugene Clemens, Mr. Vernon Anderson, Mrs. Jannita Gaston, Attorney Kay Boulware, 2 Vacancies, and Mr. Doug Pauley (County Council Liaison)*

**SOURCES OF FUNDING** Federal, State, Local Government, Client Fees, Other (Donations, Interests, private grants, etc.),

#### CLIENTELE

- About 250-300 clients yearly in treatment (*with priority admission for pregnant women/IV drug users*) and 2500 in prevention services
- Referrals: *Self, Probation, Courts, Solicitors office, DJJ, schools, DSS, Mental Health, DMV and other organizations.*

Families play an important role in the lives of loved ones with substance use and addiction problems. **Prevention Works! Treatment is Effective! Recovery Happens!** Especially with family support and participation in their recovery. *Addiction is a treatable disease, just like diabetes.* We can help! Whether it is alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, gambling, behavioral problems, youth or adults our licensed, certified, and trained staff are dedicated to providing *confidential, evidenced-based, best practice, accessible and affordable services.*

***“No more important mission than moving someone from addiction to recovery” - Bob Toomey***

**STAFF QUALIFICATIONS** The nature of us being *CARF accredited, DHEC licensed* and a *DAODAS provider* not only requires our organization to have *quality programs and services* but also requires and ensures with *regular reviews, annually or every three (3) years* that the services are provided by *licensed, certified and trained* staff *with the credentials upon hire or be in process and under supervision of someone who does.* Additionally this is also a requirement with contractual agreements with *Medicaid, Managed Care Organizations and Insurances* if we choose to accept these forms of payment for services in which we do. Most importantly, we are mandated by state and federal regulations pertaining to the *confidentiality, security and legal* requirements of *clients and their clinical records* in accordance with the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”)* privacy standards, the *Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (“HITECH”)* and *42 C.F.R. Part 2.* Specifically prevention staff are bachelor and master level personnel credentialed as Certified Prevention Professionals, Certified Senior Prevention Specialist and/or International Certified Prevention Professionals which requires *2000 – 10,000 hours paid or volunteer drug prevention experience, 150 – 300 clock hours in education and training across specific core areas, 120- 200 mentoring hours, written and oral exam.* Treatment staff are master level personnel credentialed as Certified Addiction Counselors (I, II or III), National Certified Addictions Counselor and/or Licensed Master Social Workers and/or Licensed Professional Counselors in process which requires *4000 – 10,000 hours drug counseling core functions, 270 – 450 clock hours in education and training related to core functions, 30-150 supervision hours, written and oral exam.*

**DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES** We provide evidence-based and best practice prevention, intervention and treatment services to the populations of Fairfield County and others as appropriate. The *Prevention* services meet the needs of special populations by conducting needs assessments to determine the risk and protective factors of a particular community prior to implementation. Special consideration is given to populations that are at high risk of Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) use/abuse. During the curriculum, each participant is given a pre and posttest surveys to capture changes in attitudes and behaviors. **MOST OF OUR PREVENTION SERVICES ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC. HOWEVER, FEES ARE CHARGED FOR ALL TREATMENT SERVICES.** Still, no one is denied services for their inability to pay which we determine by conducting a thorough financial assessment according to the federal poverty guidelines. Addiction is a disease! Our system and delivery of services has come a long way in recognizing *drug addiction... addiction as a disease and not a moral issue, and treating the addictions as such.* Clinical staff use the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5)* to diagnose substance use disorders, which was developed by the *American Psychiatric Association.* Clinical staff assess clients using the *American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria* as part of adhering to the *Department of Health And Human Services (DHHS)* regulations to determine levels of care within our system. This ensures that clients get appropriate services *directed from their assessment and treatment team review* rather than having cookie cutter services. The *Treatment* services meet the needs of individuals by completing a thorough assessment to determine the level of care needed to begin a lifestyle of recovery. These services may require a combination of educational, behavioral, cognitive, medical therapies and detoxification interventions. Some of the treatment and prevention services that are currently being implemented include the following:

**Quit Smoking Classes | DUI Re-Licensing Program | Addiction & Behavioral Health Counseling  
Parenting | Anger Management | Drug Testing (Urine, Hair & Saliva) | Prevention Services (Drug, Violence, Life Skills) | Youth, Adult & Family Counseling | Detox and Residential Referrals  
Involuntary Commitment | National Recovery Month Activities (September) | “Brighter Day”  
Intensive Outpatient Services | Faith Activity Nutrition (FAN) Project | Employee Assistance Program  
Annual 5K Run/Walk (April: Alcohol Awareness Month) | Medication Assisted Treatment | Opioid  
Education & Narcan Distribution Training | Much more....**

**DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER!!!**

**CALL US TODAY**

*For each \$1.00 invested in evidence based prevention programs, SC saves \$18.00 in costs to society, including the costs of incarceration, drug-related crime, hospitalizations, and other societal ills.*

*-SC Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation*

*For every \$1.00 invested in addictions treatment, taxpayers save at least \$7.46 in costs to society, including the costs of incarceration, drug-related crime, hospitalizations, and other societal ills.*

*-According to the Institute for Research, Education and Training in Addictions*