



“Every child is
one caring adult away
from being a success story.”

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Meet Marcus, Wraparound Facilitator

Dear [Name],

Wraparound Facilitators at The Children's Center are committed to ensuring that the entire family has access to natural supports within their own communities and neighborhoods. Since 1929, The Children's Center (TCC) has empowered our clients by helping them address their needs, realize their potential, and shape their own futures.

Marcus, MSW, a Wraparound Support Facilitator at TCC has witnessed the profound impact our community has on the lives of clients. He began his journey with TCC nearly nine years ago, initially focusing on therapy before transitioning to Wraparound Services this past year.

Marcus expressed, “TCC plays a crucial role in positively affecting underprivileged families and helping them reach their goals, but our work requires the entire community's involvement. We strive to create natural supports that promote generational change, offering resources that uplift families as a whole. Wraparound support is not solely centered on the child but encompasses the entire family unit that the child relies on.”

The first case Marcus handled involved Ashanti and Amiyah. He walked alongside them, helping them build their own support systems within the community. Marcus shared, “Ashanti was ready to give up and needed to find motivation from within and recognize that it starts within herself. With a little encouragement, I witnessed Ashanti regain hope and she took it and ran. This led to celebrating her recent milestones, like landing a job and returning to school.”

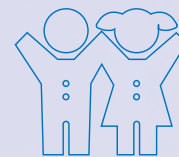


The Children's
Center has been a
beacon of hope in
Detroit since 1929.



3,500

We serve nearly
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Through leveraging TCC’s partnership with Feonix

Mobility Rising, Marcus has helped Ashanti overcome the transportation barriers that often interfere with her daily routine. By offering reliable transportation to and from her new job, even during third shift hours, this effort is creating a positive outcome for Ashanti’s entire family.

Additionally, Marcus has built connections with local food banks, ensuring his clients have access to nutritious meals, further stabilizing their home environment. He also helps clients receive educational support services, providing Individual Education Plan (IEP) and tutoring to ensure that children can excel in school and after-school programs that nurture their interests and talents. These initiatives underscore the importance of community partnerships in providing wraparound support.

Marcus emphasized, “Our goal is to build a network of long-term support for our families. We promote resilience and self-sufficiency, to help them face future challenges independently.”

TCC continues to extend its reach to families like Ashanti’s by organizing community workshops and family engagement events. These initiatives are designed to foster a sense of belonging and provide practical skills for navigating life’s obstacles. By prioritizing a comprehensive and holistic approach, **The Children’s Center ensures that each family member is given the tools and opportunities to thrive.**

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As Marcus reflects on his journey, he feels a deep sense of fulfillment. “The transformations I’ve witnessed are a testament to the power of comprehensive, compassionate support. When we come together as a community to uplift one another, there are no limits to what we can achieve. The say it takes a village to raise a child is more accurate than ever.”

TCC is committed to evolving and enhancing its programs to address the dynamic needs of the families we serve. By maintaining a strong emphasis on collaboration and innovation, we strive to foster a brighter, more inclusive future for everyone. Consider contributing to help children and families, just as Marcus has supported Ashanti and her children. The need continues to grow, and you can help set a family up for success by establishing natural support systems around them.

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