# **FACT**

Family Access and Connection Team



### Mission

The Family Access and
Connection Team is committed
to creating family driven,
strength based, individualized
responses to Monroe County's
high risk/high need youth and
families. Through the
exploration of family needs by
way of engagement and
intervention we support family
empowerment and promote
healthy positive changes within
our community.

## **PARTICIPATING AGENCIES**

- Monroe County Office of Probation – Community Corrections Family Services Division
- » Monroe County Department of Human Services – Division of Child & Family Services
- » Monroe County Department of Human Services – Office of Mental Health



# Adam J. Bello COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Family Access and Connection Team (FACT) Information

**Phone:** 585-753-2639

#### Hours:

 Monday
 8:30am - 5:00pm

 Tuesday
 8:30am - 5:00pm

 Wednesday
 8:30am - 7:00pm

 Thursday
 8:30am - 7:00pm

 Friday
 8:30am - 5:00pm

Location: 1099 Jay Street,

Building J - 2nd Floor

Free parking available in front of the building

#### What is FACT?

FACT is Monroe County's integrated entry point to care for our community's high need/high risk children and youth, incorporating the Monroe County Office of Mental Health, Office of Probation – Community Corrections and Department of Human Services.



# Why FACT?

- We understand that children who come in contact with higher level systems, such as Juvenile Justice, Child Protective Services or Hospitals, often have unidentified or unmet needs.
- •Our goal is to prevent youth with Behavioral Challenges from getting involved with higher level systems.
- •FACT strives to empower families to work through their challenges using natural supports and our collective knowledge, experience and connections.

#### What does FACT do?

The FACT Team is a center of excellence and convener in determining precision of fit and acuity of need, with regard to intervention(s) within family, community systems and collaborative partners.



- 1) An entity that serves youth and families who present with complex issues. Staff respond to clients and collaborate to provide a tiered response.
- 2) Immediate, strength based and trauma informed assessment of high need youth and families and appropriate referral & linkage to an expanded network of collaborative partners.
- 3) Sophisticated responses that promote stabilization of youth and families with a focus on community based supports to avoid petition to family court & the use of congregate care.

## Who should call FACT?

Parents or guardians can call FACT if they need support with their school aged children who are exhibiting a pattern or challenges with the following behaviors:

- » Family conflict
- » Leaving home without permission, violating curfew
- » Struggling with school attendance and performance
- » Acting out aggressively or not following rules at home
- » Stealing, trespassing, vandalism, gang involvement, sex trafficking
- » Using drugs and alcohol
- » School attendance concerns



School districts can submit truancy referrals with FACT. Our team is also available to consult with districts and families regarding student needs and assist them in implementing a plan to address school related concerns.

# **FACT Core Values:**

- □ Youth Guided
- □ Family Driven
- □ Trauma Informed
- □ Culturally & Linguistically Competent
- □ Best Practice Oriented
- □ Community Based



# "Stay focused. Never give up!"

~Annette, parent and co-creator of the Monroe County Family Voice Program