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Three Springs Daytona Sex Offender Transition Program Highlighted on the Florida Capital Steps

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(April 23, 2009 – Daytona, FL) The Daytona Sex Offender Transition program was highlighted in a presentation to the Senate Committee on Civil and Criminal Justice Appropriation chaired by Senator Crist from Hillsborough/Pasco Counties on April 20, 2009. The goal of the program is to provide youth with an independent living setting or intense treatment to facilitate family reunification.

The program enjoys strong community partnerships which include local schools and colleges, vocational rehabilitation programs, community outreach, workforce development programs and pastoral guidance for students. According to Richard Block, V.P. of Public Programs for Three Springs, “Students in the program have an opportunity to develop interpersonal and intrapersonal skills, job readiness and the self confidence that dramatically reduces the risk of re-offending while established the ability to live as independent law abiding tax paying citizens. They are going to college, working in the community and looking forward toward a renewed hopeful future. That’s groundbreaking.”



Students enrolled in the program are provided with a comprehensive array of resources including academic, GED prep and testing, psychiatric services, clinical, academic and vocational assessments, a full continuum of Sex Offender treatment including relapse prevention, life and social skill training, job placement assistance, family reconciliation, reunification assistance and transition planning.

An appropriation grant from the Florida State Criminal Justice Committee and the state legislature, provided financial support to assist with site preparation. Block stated, “Assistance from the State Legislative Committees and a Partnership with the leadership of the Department of Juvenile Justice has provided a means to introduce essential comprehensive services. These services are not just for the offender. A major benefit is family preservation and protection for victims in the home. The program is a viable alternative for juvenile sex offenders who cannot, or should not be reunited with their families.”

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