

## **Bay State Community Services, Inc.**

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**(BSCS)** strives to be a leader in providing services that promote the emotional and social well-being of the people and communities we serve. Our programs are designed to recognize the primary importance of individual dignity, family involvement, and community support. To this end, the agency's mission is to foster individual, family, and community empowerment through an integrated, culturally competent continuum of social, behavioral health, substance use recovery, prevention, and justice services.

BSCS was formed in 1991 through a merger of five community-based agencies that had a 100-year collective history of providing innovative, responsive, and accessible programming to the people of the Greater Boston and southeastern areas of Massachusetts. We believe in partnering in a strength-based culture of recovery that affirms the importance of dignity, belonging, relationships, and collective action for the collective good.

Most programs offer assistance based on need, regardless of ability to pay. Special attention has been given to reach out to vulnerable and high-risk populations.

BSCS is funded by the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Public Health, the Office of Community Corrections, and the County Sheriffs' Offices. Additional support is provided by MassHealth, Medicaid, Medicare, private insurances, and private donations.

BSCS' Main Office is located in Quincy, MA. We offer numerous programs in multiple locations. For a complete listing of our programs, please refer to our website: [www.baystatecs.org](http://www.baystatecs.org).



## **Dianne DeVanna Center**

**A program of Bay State Community Services**



**Beside you...every step of the way**

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## **Dianne DeVanna Center**

**The Dianne Devanna Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect** was founded in 1978 by Braintree community members as a lasting memorial honoring 11 year old Dianne Devanna, who tragically lost her life due to severe abuse at the hands of her father and stepmother.

The loss stunned the South Shore community and served as a catalyst to raise awareness of the issue of child abuse and to provide critical services to families, in an effort to make a difference in the lives of children at risk.

The Dianne DeVanna Center operates under a deep and abiding belief that children have a need for stability, love, nurturing, and a sense of security and safety in their lives. For some parents, raising a child can be stressful, which may hinder a parent's ability to meet their children's needs.

Our philosophy works on the premise that skillful help provided at the right time can make a profound difference in a child's life. It is our goal to become an integral part of the support system of the families we serve, providing parents with the resources and education they need to become the best parent possible for their children.

Since its founding, the DeVanna Center has grown into an effective provider of services to families, positively impacting the lives of thousands of children through various parenting support services and educational programs.

## **Parent Aide & Support Services**

The role of our team of Family Support Workers is to focus on helping parents understand their strengths and identify the needs of their family. They are parent support professionals who will educate and encourage families to develop healthy ways in raising children, including:

- **Parenting Responsibilities**  
Appropriate discipline, rules and stress management.
- **Identifying Needs of the Children**  
Educational needs, medical needs and proper nutrition.
- **Home Management Skills**  
Housekeeping, organization and budgeting.
- **Identifying, Selecting and Using Community Resources**
  - ◆ Community Resource Services
  - ◆ Counseling Services
    - ◇ Individual, Family, Behavioral Health & Substance Use Disorders.
  - ◆ Educational Supports & Services
  - ◆ Financial Assistance Services
  - ◆ Furniture/Clothing Donation Services
  - ◆ Housing Services
  - ◆ Nutrition & Food Pantry Services

## **Educational Programming**

The Dianne DeVanna Center offers Parenting Education, through various modalities, designed to help parents and caregivers develop and strengthen their practical parenting skills.

## **Transportation**

Transportation is provided for children in foster care placement to ensure continuity in family visits, medical/therapy appointments, and school and daycare attendance.

## **Wish List**

Many of our families experience ongoing financial struggles. The following items are always in need and are gratefully accepted by the Dianne DeVanna Center:

### **Gift Cards:**

- Babies 'R' Us
- CVS
- Grocery Stores
- Target
- Visa
- Wal-Mart
- Walgreens

### **Specific Items:**

- Baby Toiletries
- Children's Books, Puzzles, Toys, Art & Educational Supplies (all ages)
- Diapers/Pull-ups (all sizes)
- Family Toiletries
- Household Cleaning & Laundry Products
- Infant Safety, Nursery Supplies & Furnishings

**Clothing:** Donations of clothing and outerwear (*all seasons*), hosiery and underclothing for children/teens (*all ages and genders*) are greatly appreciated as well.

**For more information,  
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