

## About Progressive Life Center (PLC)

### Mission Statement

To enhance the lives of children, youth, and families by providing human services that meet the psychological, spiritual, and cultural needs of those we serve.

### Brief Description of Organization

PLC provides highly-effective, culturally-responsive, family-centered services to vulnerable individuals in Washington, DC and surrounding Maryland, Baltimore, Delaware, and Philadelphia and York, Pennsylvania. We began in DC with a single program that gave voice to court-involved Black youth, and are today, a human services leader supporting 1,000+ vulnerable children and their families each year. Undergoing a rigorous assessment of evidence that PLC meets the highest standard for best practices and the provision of quality services, for the past several decades, we have earned accreditation from the [Council on Accreditation](#), and our staff consistently exceeds funder expectations.

### Population Served

Our primary focus is the advancement of children and youth, up to age 21, living below the poverty level, who are primarily Black, and who are often victims of neglect and/or abuse, or living with a family in crisis. Toward the success of the young people, we provide wrap-around services to the entire family.

### PLC Leadership

PLC's diverse Executive Management and Leadership Team consists of seasoned professionals. Our Board of Directors consists of six high-level professionals from an array of industries, with diversity of gender and race.

## Overview of Programming

PLC's Mission is fulfilled through the provision of a variety of supports and services from [offices throughout the mid-Atlantic](#).

### Foster Care

PLC is a licensed foster care provider in **Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware**. Though programs vary state-by-state, generally, we recruit, train and license foster parents; develop and manage child profiles; support the placement of children and youth in concert with local social services; and provide ongoing training and support to foster parents.

### **Washington, DC**

- [Community Programming Initiative](#): As the Administrative Partner for the Department of Youth Rehabilitative Services' Community Programming Initiative. In this role, PLC coordinates a continuum of community-based service providers who support court-involved youth and their families.

### **Maryland** (in addition to Foster Care)

Prince George's County:

- [Domestic Violence Education and Prevention](#): PLC educates African American faith leaders and the general public to recognize signs of domestic violence and understand how to become proactive in prevention.
- [Family Preservation](#): With a priority of child safety, our staff works with the entire family to help overcome crisis and prevent future crises.
- [Kinship Care](#): For family members who are caring for a child or children because the biological parents are unable, PLC offers an array of comprehensive supports.
- [Semi-Independent Living](#): We support the transition of foster youth to independence.

## Overview of Programming (continued)

Montgomery County:

- [Family Connections](#): Our comprehensive family preservation program helps families recover from crisis while keeping children safe.

Baltimore:

- [Adolescent Clubhouse](#): At our Clubhouse, youth learn to work together while also evaluating themselves and toward making thoughtful decisions.

**Delaware** (in addition to Foster Care)

- [ICAN](#): Independent Care Action Network (ICAN) teaches self-sufficiency to youth who have aged out of foster care.
- [Parent Partner Program](#): PLC provides supports to DFS youth placed in institutional care.
- [Crisis Support Line](#): PLC provides statewide telephone crisis management support in New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties.

**Pennsylvania** (in addition to Foster Care)

- [Parents Progressing with Life](#): Since 2004, our highly successful Parents Progressing with Life has empowered parents with positive parenting techniques during a series of 12 evening classes that include Communication with Respect, Punishing Inappropriate Behavior, and Managing and Expressing Feelings.
- [Adoption](#): Since 2007, PLC Philadelphia has been a Statewide Adoption Network affiliate, managing child and family profiles, providing child preparation services, and permanency training for prospective parents, and finally, matching children and families.
- [Resource Home Care](#): In 2012, we began offering focused support to an additional population of foster parents through Resource Home Care, working with foster parents to promote child safety and permanency.

Additional Resources:

- [PLC News](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [YouTube](#)