

## Woodside Family Center

The Woodside Family Center is a structured female work release facility operated by The PROGRAM – "It's About Change" for the Dauphin County Prison Board of Inspectors. Some of the resident mothers are able to reside with their pre-school age children at the Center, while serving county time. This unique opportunity reunites mother and child building nurturing and bonding relationships while employed.

### Opportunity

Admission into the Woodside Family Center is an opportunity to obtain employment, participate in counseling and life skills, learning budgeting skills to save money, and locate an adequate place to live upon release.

Residents establish attainable goals and determine a realistic way to meet these goals. They are interested in rebuilding their lives and becoming supportive family members and productive citizens in the community.

"Woodside changed my life. It gave me the chance to be somebody. I can say that I'm proud to be me today. Proud."  
-JBS

## Programming and Services

The mission of the Woodside Family Center is to provide female work release activities and gender-specific programming to assist women in rebuilding their lives.

The Woodside Family Center provides programming and services that assist our residents in reaching their goals. The following is a list that includes, but is not limited to:

- GED Classes
- Computer Training
- Life Skill Classes
- Job Placement Assistance
- Community Service
- Referrals for therapeutic and drug & alcohol counseling
- Nursing/Parenting Sessions
- HIV/AIDS Prevention/Education and Case Management
- Post-Housing Attainment
- Case Management
- Budgeting and Money Management
- Meaningful programming to meet each resident's needs

## Contact Information

### Located at:

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### Hours:

Residential Facility open 24-7

For more information for admission into the Woodside Family Center, contact Ms. Valerie Simmons, Administrator & CEO at (717) 558-9871 or email [wfc@theprograminc.org](mailto:wfc@theprograminc.org).