



“I am grateful my daughter got sent here. From day one I knew she was in the right place, and I was going to get the help for her that we needed.”

-Jennifer Smith, Mom



“I like everything about this place. They helped me with things that were difficult. I want to go home but I will miss everyone.”

-Hannah Smith, 8 year old

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The Heritage of Hannah Neil

Residential, Day & Outpatient Treatment Services

The idea of turning to residential treatment for an 8-year-old would concern most parents. It certainly scared Jennifer. The idea of “losing control” of her daughter Hannah, frightened her.

“I was scared at first. Scared for her. But once I realized where she was at, I relaxed a little bit. And then when I first came to see Hannah, I knew she was in a good place, a safe place. These staff members really do care about these kids and their well-being.”

It was caseworkers with Children and Family Services that placed Hannah at The Heritage of Hannah Neil, after her mom's home was condemned and deemed unsafe. The emotional toll that took on Hannah was obvious. She withdrew and was afraid to trust adults. At Hannah Neil, therapists utilized cognitive behavioral therapy, to focus and treat Hannah's individual trauma. Hannah's comprehensive services included counseling and schooling. In just four months Hannah's reading went from a kindergarten level to second grade, where it should be. And counseling helped Hannah learn the tools needed not just to overcome her trauma, but to thrive. Even at just 8 years old, Hannah knows just how much help she received at Hannah Neil.

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For Hannah's mom, Jennifer, her daughter's four month stay provided the necessary time to receive the assistance she needed to create a safe environment for her daughter.

“This journey started as a nightmare but ended as a blessing for Hannah and me. My daughter's time here gave me the time to cope and figure out what was going on with me. The staff here helped me with that too. They helped me learned how to take care of myself and my daughter.”

Hannah's case isn't unique. Most of the kids at Hannah Neil are struggling with emotional issues. But with the right support and services, they can find the help they need at the Heritage of Hannah Neil.

“Children in our care come first, and are treated with respect, compassion, and dignity,” explained Executive Director Lesley Puett. “We work with both the children and their families so that they have the support necessary to overcome life's challenges.”

As Hannah heads home, she's got just that. And a new chapter to keep moving forward.

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