

A Rich History

1883 Pharmaceutical millionaire Charles Crittenton founded the first Florence Crittenton Mission in New York to honor his daughter Florence, who died at age 4. Crittenton felt called to serve young women in need around the nation and began similar programs in other cities.

1893 The Florence Crittenton Home opened near Denver's Red Light District, offering young women a place to live during their pregnancies and to give birth before putting their babies up for adoption.

1899 The growing Florence Crittenton Home moved into a two-story house on Colfax Avenue.

1975 Human Services Inc. was formed from the merger of three historic programs: Family and Children's Service, Florence Crittenton Services and Travelers Aid. It offered counseling and residential treatment and oversaw the Florence Crittenton Home.

1981 The Florence Crittenton Home closed in response to the changing needs of the community, as more pregnant girls and women were staying home and keeping their babies.

1984 In response to concerns about low birth-weight babies and high dropout rates among teen mothers, the Florence Crittenton Teen Parent Education Network (TPEN) was created through a collaboration with the Denver Public School District (DPS), the March of Dimes, the Junior League and the Colorado Department of Health. TPEN helped teen mothers continue their high school education, learn about child development, build parenting skills and access other resources. The first class in Baker Middle School had five students, two couples and a single mother. Day care was available at the Mariposa Center.

1994 The Young Fathers Service was created to help young men learn parenting skills, complete their education and prepare for employment so they could emotionally and financially support their children.

2001 The Florence Crittenton School moved into its current home.

2002 Human Services Inc. narrowed its mission to focus on helping teen parents raise healthy families, and some services were sold or referred to more appropriate agencies.

2005 To better reflect its mission, the agency changed its name from Human Services Inc. to Parent Pathways.

2009-10 The Florence Crittenton School graduated 20 students in its 25th anniversary class in May 2010. Today, newly renamed Florence Crittenton Services to re-establish the connection with our rich history, the agency offers a spectrum of wraparound services for the entire teen family, through the Florence Crittenton School, the Qualistar-rated Early Learning Center and the Family Engagement Center.

Throughout fiscal 2010, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Florence Crittenton School, taking the opportunity to reflect on the school's journey, beginning more than 120 years ago with the birth of the Florence Crittenton Home for unwed mothers.



The original Florence Crittenton Home for unwed mothers



The Florence Crittenton School still thrives today