

where can a pregnant or parenting teen find hope?



The Florence Crittenton School

“The staff and the environment inspired me to get on track and make school my focus again. The teachers were so understanding, patient and helpful.”

—Aushena Williams, Class of 2010

For pregnant and parenting teen mothers, the **Florence Crittenton School** provides a high school education, career guidance and parenting training. In a unique “multiple pathways” collaboration with Denver Public Schools, the School helps teen mothers:

- stay in school
- graduate with a high school diploma
- give birth to healthy babies
- learn how to be nurturing mothers
- pursue post-secondary education
- recover credits in summer school
- acquire marketable job skills.

The Florence Crittenton School fosters self-sufficiency through specialized coursework, including family finance and budgeting, prenatal care and nutrition, lactation, parenting training and more. The School is the largest and most complete provider of services to teen mothers in Denver County.

where can their babies get the best start?



The Early Learning Center

“Without the Early Learning Center, I would have given up. They help you with school, with child care, with Medicaid, with everything!”

—Leianna Rojas, Class of 2010

Lack of child care is one of the biggest reasons teen mothers drop out of high school. The **Early Learning Center**, a licensed, Qualistar-rated on-site early childhood education facility for the babies of teen mothers who attend the Florence Crittenton School, makes it easier to stay in school.

These babies are at high risk for a myriad of developmental and societal problems. Strong parenting, health and developmental support in the Early Learning Center gives these little ones the best possible start in life.

Professionals teach young moms how to care for their children and promote their health and development.

Babies receive regular checkups and all their immunizations.

where can dads and family members find support?



The Family Engagement Center

“Florence Crittenton’s programs have helped me a lot. They have changed my life for the good, and made me a better father.”

—Dominic Avila, Young Father’s Program, 2003

The **Family Engagement Center** at the Florence Crittenton School offers a comprehensive array of integrated services to educate young fathers in the responsibilities and joys of fatherhood, and to help family members learn how to best support the young mother.

The Center’s range of services includes education on infant care and early childhood development, nutrition education, counseling, family and community social events, parent and family support groups, GED/academic referrals, legal workshops, job readiness coaching and more.

The Center also features a drop-in resource center to meet the needs of the students’ families and community.



Empowering struggling teen families to be productive members of the community

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creating cycles of success

- More than 1,000 Denver county teens become pregnant each year.
- Pregnancy is the No. 1 reason a girl drops out of high school, with fewer than half finishing. Lack of childcare is a major reason.
- Female high school dropouts earn 41% less than a high school graduates, and are 40% more likely to rely on public assistance. Over a lifetime, a high school dropout costs society \$260,000 in lost earnings, taxes and productivity.
- Children of high school dropouts are up to 33% less likely to graduate from high school. They're also more likely to end up in prison.

The Florence Crittenton School strives to end those negative cycles and create cycles of success for teen mothers and their children.

our vision

The vision of the Florence Crittenton School is to graduate lifelong learners, community leaders, and responsible parents with marketable 21st Century skills. We use a holistic approach within an enriching academic environment to foster confident, accountable, and self-sufficient teen parents.

Our educational philosophy is focused, student-centered, and data driven using research-proven best practices. We utilize a strengths-based approach to provide targeted academic interventions and personalized counseling services. Our culture is one of high expectations, positive behavioral support, diversity, and student engagement in learning. The Florence Crittenton staff is dedicated to a consistent, collaborative approach to success involving the students, their families, and the larger community. Our staff is committed to continued professional development in pursuit of this vision.

achieving self-sufficiency

Florence Crittenton Services has evolved to meet the needs of the Denver community for over a century. The Florence Crittenton School started as a home for unwed mothers in 1893. It closed in 1981 and the school opened in 1984.

- Florence Crittenton's academic program, support services and skills training benefit about 280 teen moms each year.
- An average of 86% of eligible seniors graduated over the past three academic years.
- Of the 20 young women who graduated in 2010, 90% had post-secondary or career plans.
- 100% of the 70 babies and toddlers enrolled in our Early Learning Center for at least six months met or exceeded their developmental milestones and received all of their basic immunizations.
- 118 young men received parenting skills, education, relationship and job readiness services.

about florence crittenton

Florence Crittenton Services empowers struggling teen families to be productive members of the community. Our holistic and progressive approaches in the areas of education, early childhood education and supportive services encompass the entire teen family.

In partnership with Denver Public Schools, we provide a high-school curriculum at the Florence Crittenton School for teen moms, with an on-site Early Learning Center for their babies and a Family Engagement Center to help young fathers and families learn child care skills and how to support teen mothers.

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Helping teen parents raise healthy families