



Aftercare Resource Navigator Program

HELPING YOUTH SUCCEED AFTER RESIDENTIAL CARE

When young people leave a juvenile justice residential program, they face some big transitions. That's where the Eckerd Connects' Aftercare Resource Navigator Program (ARNP) comes in.

What Is ARNP?

ARNP is a new program in South Florida designed to support youth (ages 11–21) as they reenter their communities and build a brighter future. Whether a young person is on supervision (like Conditional Release or Post-Commitment Probation) or a Direct Discharge, the program offers guidance and resources tailored to each youth's goals.

SOUTH FLORIDA COUNTIES SERVED

- Broward
- Charlotte
- Collier
- Glades
- Hendry
- Indian River
- Lee
- Martin
- Miami-Dade
- Monroe
- Okeechobee
- Palm Beach
- St. Lucie

What Makes It Different?

ARNP replaces the former Project Bridge (Transitions) program and adds new layers of support. Each youth is matched with a Navigator—a dedicated adult who helps them stay on track during the transition from residential care to independence. From day one of transition planning, ARNP works to:

- Connect youth and families with services that meet their unique needs
- Build strong community partnerships to create a safety net
- Help youth pursue education, training, jobs, housing, and mental health support
- Ensure that support continues after discharge, not just during the transition



Who We Serve

ARNP will support more than 230 youth annually, boys and girls ages 11–21, who are transitioning from a Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) residential commitment program and returning to South Florida communities.

Services Include



Individualized
transition
planning



Help with school
enrollment or
getting job-ready



Access to housing
and transportation
resources



Support with life
skills and family
engagement



Connection to
community services
and mentors

Why It Matters

Reentry isn't easy. Many youth leave residential programs determined to change—but they need tools and support to make those changes last. ARNP bridges the gap between intention and opportunity. Together with DJJ staff, providers, and local partners, we're committed to helping youth:



Stay connected



Stay hopeful



Stay on a path to
long-term success



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