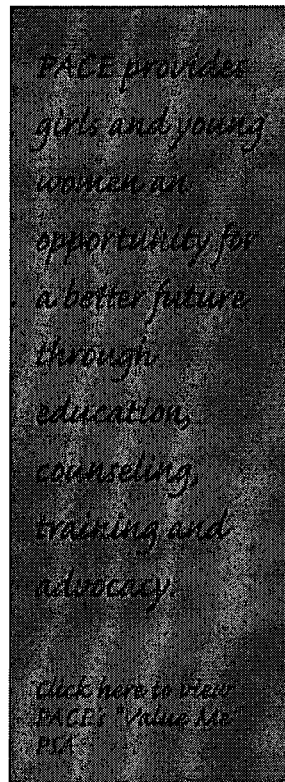


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PACE History

In the early 1980's professionals working in the juvenile court system in Jacksonville, Florida realized that girls involved in delinquent activities were either not being held accountable, being placed in boys' programs, or placed further into the system for their own protection. There were no effective alternatives.

In 1985 the PACE concept was developed and implemented by founder Vicki Burke. Guided by the research-based recommendations of the Valentine Foundation, which called for gender responsive programming, PACE created a new alternative to institutionalization or incarceration.

PACE designed an effective method to meet the needs of the adolescent at-risk female. The first program was housed in the basement of a downtown Jacksonville church and served 7 girls. Now, 24 years later, PACE's 17 centers and outreach program have served over 21,000 Florida girls.



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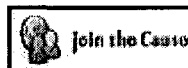
Our Mission:

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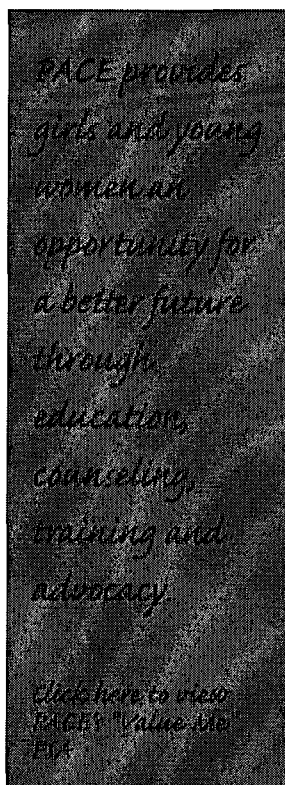


Our Philosophy:

PACE values all girls and young women, believing each one deserves an opportunity to find her voice, achieve her potential and celebrate a life defined by responsibility, dignity, serenity and grace.



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Guiding Principles

Values and Principles Guiding Our Actions

Honor the Female Spirit: We value and promote the female perspective by respecting its distinct needs, creating safe and gender responsive environments, and celebrating the female experience.

Focus on Strengths: We look to identify strengths in our girls, their families, our staff and supporters. Using these strengths as our foundation, we build strong, confident, productive community participants.

Act with Integrity and Positive Intent: We believe that all actions and decisions must be guided by the highest ethical principles, respecting the uniqueness of all involved and honoring the differences.

Embrace Growth and Change: We believe that everyone is capable of remarkable growth, and only by encouraging change can individuals, organizations and society reach their full potential.

Value the Wisdom of Time: We understand that patience can be as powerful as immediate action, and each has its place. We value the discernment required for their effective use.

Exhibit Courage: We think courage is essential in making a difference, enabling us to speak for those who cannot, take risks to do what is right, deliver just and fair consequences and be accountable for our actions.

Seek Excellence: We strive for excellence in all we accomplish by holding true to our mission while consistently meeting high standards of performance, reflecting critically upon our accomplishments, seeking innovative solutions, and believing all things are possible.

Create Partnerships: We believe in developing effective partnerships and long-term relationships, by listening to our staff, our girls, and their families and our communities, incorporating their input

and involving them in our decision-making.

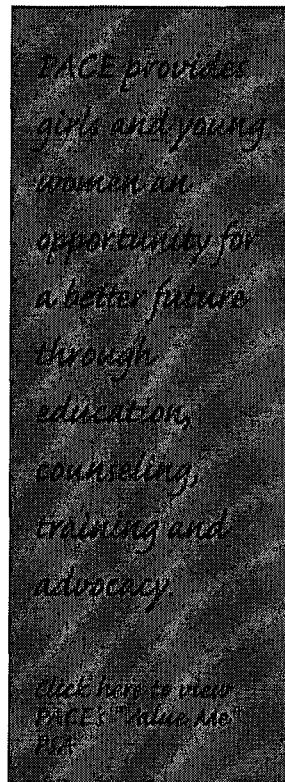
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Invest in the Future: We place our faith in the long-term growth and development of our girls, staff, agency and communities, believing it is the best strategy for creating results that have lasting impact.



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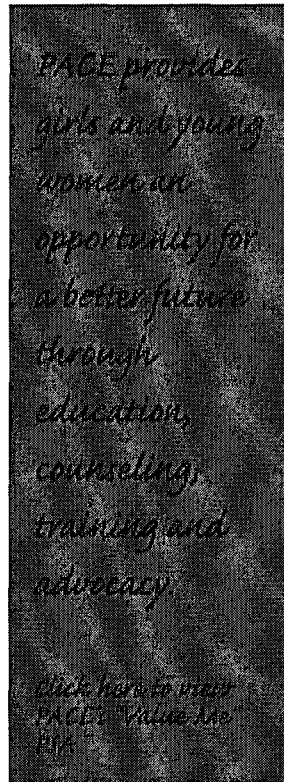
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PACE Center for Girls, Inc. is a community-based, gender-responsive prevention, diversion and early intervention program serving girls, ages 12-17, in 17 locations across the state. The program fulfills the Department of Juvenile Justice's statutory requirement to provide prevention and gender-specific programming for girls.

PACE's successful model has been nationally recognized for helping girls find success in school, with their families and in their communities by integrating education, counseling, training and advocacy. PACE was recognized by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Girls Study Group as the most effective program in the nation for keeping adolescent girls out of the juvenile justice system and by the Annie E. Casey Foundation's KIDS COUNT Report, in a state by state analysis, as a national model for reducing recidivism and improving school success, employment and self sufficiency amongst girls.

These accolades are welcomed recognition of our success, but what matters more is that PACE provides help for girls who come from difficult life situations with a safe, nurturing place to find a path back to hope. More than half of girls who come to PACE are the young victims of physical or sexual abuse and many are failing or have dropped out of school. PACE understands the relationship between victimization and delinquency in girls and helps girls turn their lives around by providing quality, gender responsive education, counseling and career planning. The results are that girls stay in school, substantially reduce their chances of being involved in crime or entering the costly juvenile justice system and have hope for their futures. As a result, PACE reduces the significant long term costs associated with teen pregnancy, substance abuse and unemployment and long term economic dependency.



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PACE Provides:

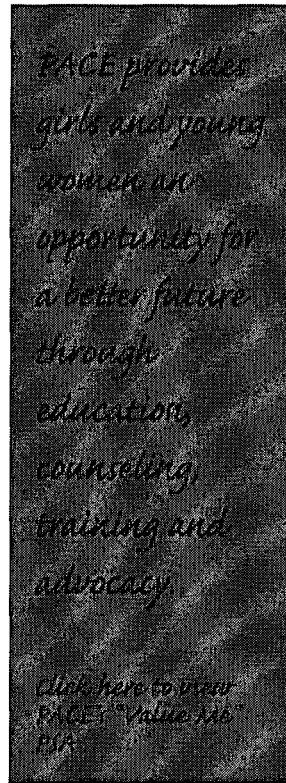
- **Initial and Ongoing Assessment:** Risk factors and needed support are assessed for each girl.
- **Academic Education:** Each center has a cooperative agreement with the local school board to provide daily academic instruction with remedial services, individual instruction and specialized education plans.
- **Gender Specific Life Management Skills Enhancement:** This PACE designed curriculum, known as SPIRITED GIRLS! Is a gender-specific program designed specifically for the needs of each girl.
- **Parental Involvement:** Staff maintains regular contact with parents through home visits, office sessions and telephone contacts. Parent groups are provided to help parents assist in their daughters' growth.
 - **Community Volunteer Service:** Girls Participate in monthly volunteer service projects.
 - **Career Readiness:** PACE provides job skills assessment and curriculum to build school-to-work readiness skills and assistance with finding, applying and interviewing for job placements.
- **Transitional Services:** PACE conducts three years of comprehensive follow-up to ensure girls continue with their education, employment or appropriate referral services.

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