



## Wesley House Family Services

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Chief Sean Brandenburg

Dear Sean,

The Wesley House Family Services (WHFS) mission statement is: Promoting and **enhancing the safety**, well-being, and development of children by educating, supporting, and meeting the needs of the families.

With dwindling funding and our inability to hold fundraisers, it is our hope that the Key West Police Department can assist WHFS with funding of \$2,000.00 for our crime prevention program.

This program covers a wide range of services with enhancements constantly being incorporated into the program.

Children in foster care are often the victims of crime. Their limited possessions, often the only link to their past, are usually unsecured. Any such loss can be a traumatic experience for a child in either foster care or the dependency system.

Our older youth need to secure their methods of transportation, which is the lifeline for getting to both school and work.

For youth living in the shelter, added security for their living space is crucial. This includes both lighting and locks.

As part of our Independent Living Program for children ages 13-17 we look to teach those in our care about crime prevention and respect.

On behalf of all the children and families we serve, thank you for your consideration and keeping our Community safe.

Best regards,

Sharon Hirsch  
Community Outreach Coordinator

