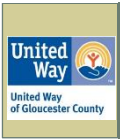


# CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICES

## Mother Child Residential



### A Success Story About...Marilou\*

When Marilou\* was referred to Mother Child Residential (MCR), she was an unemployed survivor of domestic violence with three young children to support. Marilou worked with MCR to set goals-- including returning to school and finding employment—and attended MCR workshops on domestic violence, financial empowerment, credit repair, resume building,



interviewing skills, and stress management. MCR provided the tools to assist her toward self-sufficiency and empowerment; within two months, Marilou found a job and child care and worked out the bus routes until she was able to purchase a car.

The job unfortunately did not provide enough income for Marilou to afford an apartment on her own, but MCR was able to assist her through the MCR HUD program. Through this program, MCR is able to help mothers like Marilou and their children transition into independent living by providing rent assistance and ongoing case management while residents live in an apartment for up to two years as they work to achieve self-sufficiency goals. These goals include continuing education, locating employment, gaining financial skills, and being independent. For Marilou, a central goal was to return to school for cosmetology. She plans to do so soon thanks to MCR's assistance.

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