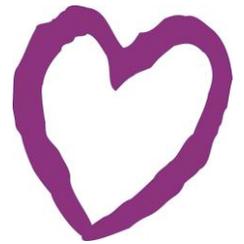




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Brandon Success Story

Bridging Care for Families



5 Protective Factors: Concrete Support in Times of Need

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In early spring of 2016, Jenny, her husband, and her two sons, Esteban and Juan, arrived in Florida. The children both needed their well child physicals as well as immunizations. Jenny's sister-in-law recommended that she come to the Children's Board Family Resource Centers in Brandon for the Mobile Medical Clinic services provided by St. Joseph's Children's Wellness and Safety Center.

During their appointments, Preserve Vision Florida conducted vision screenings and found that Esteban would need to see an optometrist. They were able to connect Esteban with a local optometrist for a vision exam. As a result of the partnership, he was able to obtain his glasses in December. He also received a physical exam and his adolescent vaccines.

At their initial visit, Luis Diaz, a child development specialist with St. Joe's, conducted an Ages & Stages Questionnaire for Juan, who was 9 months old. Due to a history of hip dysplasia, Juan had come in with a brace. Since he was not under any medical supervision care with a doctor, he could not receive an evaluation to continue or discontinue use of the brace. However, during the appointment, they noticed that the brace was preventing him from meeting all of his age appropriate motor milestones. Kate Kennedy, from St. Joe's, worked to refer him to the Shriners Hospitals for Children for an orthopedic evaluation. During the evaluation, which was provided at no cost to the family, the doctors decided Juan could discontinue use of the brace. Once the brace was gone, Juan was able to crawl and walk! He had been ready, but the brace would not allow him. When Luis saw him again, he was excited to see the progress that Juan had made.

During the follow up to the Mobile Medical Clinic, they received guidance with other minor medical concerns, which has helped give Jenny peace of mind during this important stage in Juan's life.

The CBFRC in Brandon and St. Joseph's Children's Mobile Medical Clinic served as bridges in the continuity of care for Juan, and provided compassion and support to the whole family as they sought to create happier, healthier lives in their new community.

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