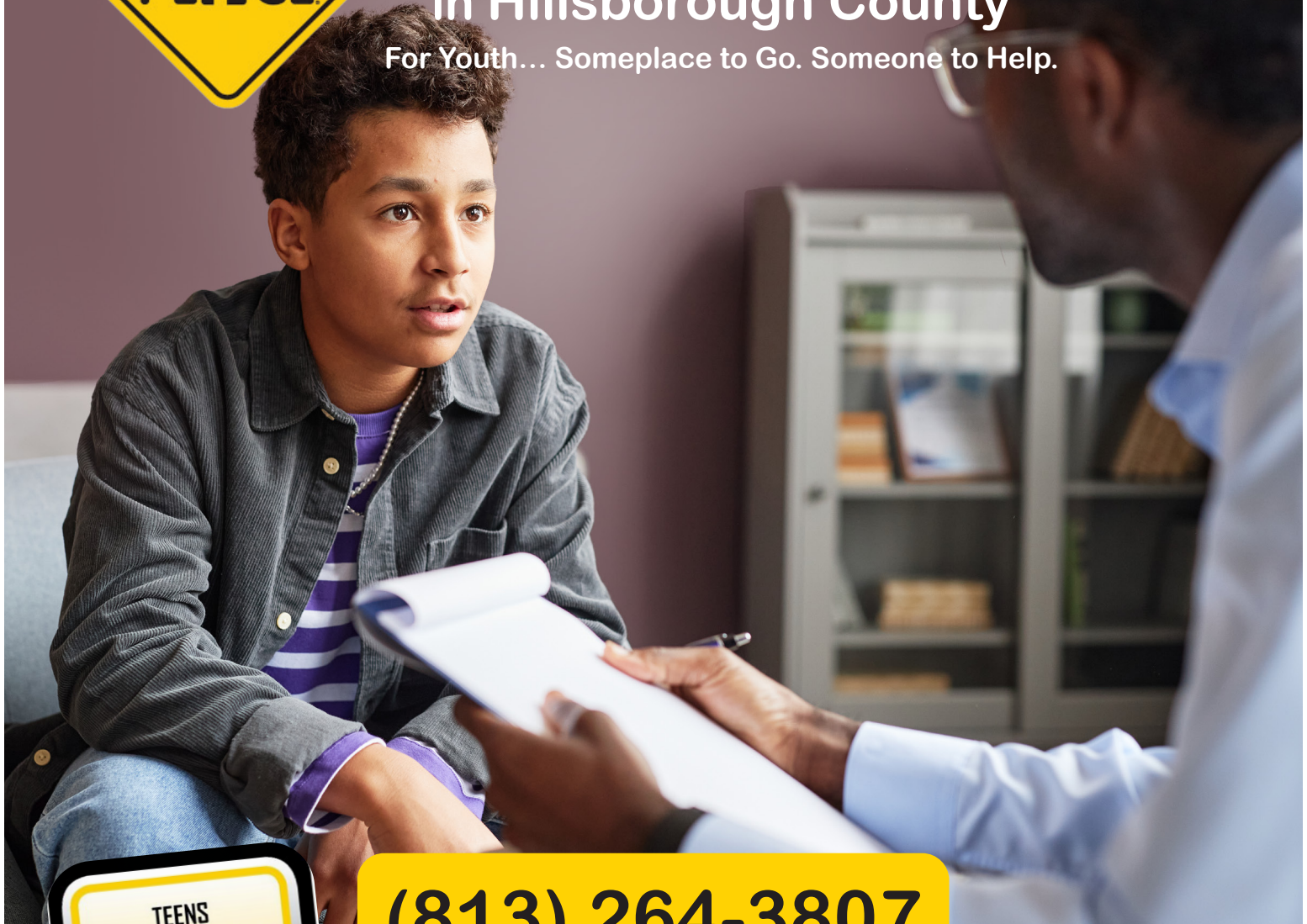




# Safe Place

## in Hillsborough County

For Youth... Someplace to Go. Someone to Help.



**(813) 264-3807**

**Hillsborough County  
Children's Services 24/7 line**

TEENS  
TEXT THE WORD  
"SAFE"  
AND YOUR  
CURRENT LOCATION  
(STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE)

TO  
**4HELP (44357)**  
FOR IMMEDIATE HELP  
WITH THE OPTION FOR  
INTERACTIVE TEXTING



Youth in crisis, **text the word SAFE with your location to 4HELP (44357)** to find your nearest Safe Place location.

### What is Safe Place?

Safe Place is a national initiative that provides access, immediate help and supportive resources for youth in need. The program designates schools, fire stations, libraries, and other youth-friendly organizations as Safe Place locations, which display a yellow and black sign.



**Hillsborough  
County Florida**  
Children's Services

Through Hillsborough County Children's Services, many of the nearly 200 locations throughout Hillsborough County are open 24/7 for youth and teens, ages 10-17, who need a place to go, no questions asked. Whether it's running away from home because they are mad at their parents or escaping a domestic violence situation, Safe Place locations are part of a safety net that is in place to make sure every kid and teen in Hillsborough County knows they have somewhere to go – no matter when they feel the need to leave.

## How A Safe Place Works



### STEP 1

A young person, ages 10-17, enters a Safe Place and asks for help.

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### STEP 2

The employee at the Safe Place location finds a comfortable place for the youth to wait while they call the licensed Safe Place agency.

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### STEP 3

Within 30 to 60 minutes, a qualified Safe Place volunteer or agency staff member will arrive to talk with the youth and, if necessary, provide transportation to the agency.

Once at the agency, counselors meet with the youth and provide support. Agency staff makes sure the youth and their family receive the help and professional services they need.

For additional program information or to become a Safe Place site, scan the QR code.

