

Youth Villages

Doing Whatever It Takes to Help Troubled Children and Families



Home-Based Help Focused on the Family

Youth Villages is a private nonprofit organization that provides help to thousands of children and families every year. With 20 years of service, Youth Villages has built a reputation for using the most effective treatment approaches, allowing children with serious emotional and behavioral problems and their families to overcome challenges and experience long-term success on their own.

Youth Villages pioneered the use of Multisystemic Therapy (MST) in the United States. In 1992, Youth Villages was the first agency to use the therapy on a large scale outside of clinical trials and is now the largest provider of the evidence-based treatment model in the world. In more than ten years, Youth Villages family counselors have helped more than 6,000 children and reported a long-term success rate of approximately 80 percent.

Our counselors address all aspects of a child's life:

- Provide support to parents and help strengthen family relationships in the home
- Work directly with schools and teachers
- Address problems with peers and peer groups
- Find positive support for family in the neighborhood and community

The Results

Approximately 80 percent of the children who participate in the Youth Villages program achieve long-term success. Two years after discharge, they are living at home with family, attending school and have no negative juvenile justice involvement.

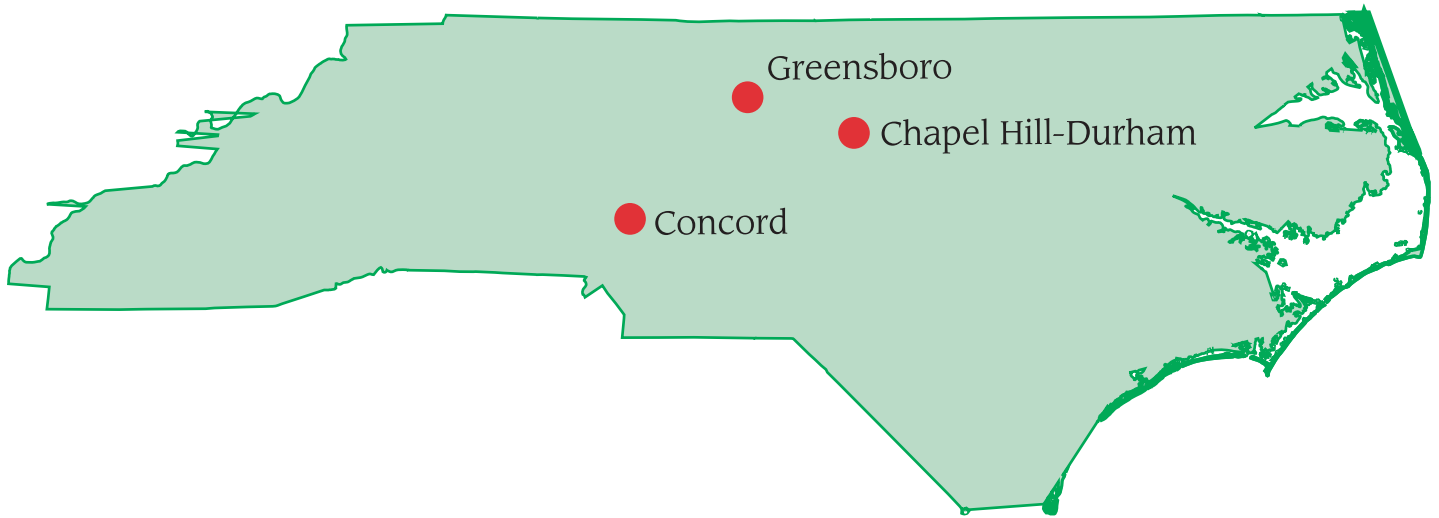
Youth Villages family counselors have lower than normal caseloads allowing them to focus intensely on each child and family's needs.

- Counselors schedule at least three meetings in the home each week.
- Counselors are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week in case of family emergency or need.



Youth Villages has been accredited by the Joint Commission on Healthcare Organizations since 1986.

Families in North Carolina can choose Multisystemic Therapy



More about the Youth Villages Program...

Who we serve: The Youth Villages program has been proven effective to help children with even the most serious emotional and behavioral problems.

Length of treatment: Children and families generally participate in the program for four to six months. By the end of the therapy, parents have learned how to deal successfully with continuing issues and are able to maintain success.

Cost of services: Costs for the Youth Villages program are typically covered by private insurance, state health programs or Medicaid.

Training of counselors: Every Youth Villages counselor is trained to use Multisystemic Therapy (MST), one of the only treatment methods to ever demonstrate success in helping children with serious emotional and behavioral problems. Most counselors have advanced degrees in counseling, psychology or related studies. Counselors are closely supervised to ensure their adherence to the treatment method. Because of the close supervision, families often come to know and trust not only the counselor, but the counselor's immediate supervisor as well.

The key to success: Youth Villages believes that the key to any child's success is the family. The program focuses on providing support for parents and strengthening family relationships. In almost all cases, counselors find that part of their job is to help parents overcome obstacles so that they can focus on their children.

Youth Villages is currently serving the areas of Chapel Hill-Durham, Concord and Greensboro with plans for continued expansion in the state of North Carolina.



Founded in 1986, Youth Villages has built a national reputation for offering highly effective programs and services to help children and their families. Headquartered in Memphis, the private nonprofit organization provides a full continuum of services, including intensive in-home counseling, residential treatment, crisis services, treatment foster care and adoption, group homes, a transitional living program and family-based support for children with developmental disabilities. This year, Youth Villages' counselors and staff, working in 39 locations in six states and the District of Columbia, will help more than 11,000 children and their families.

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