

Tennessee

Program Overview



Overview

Youth Villages began operations in Memphis in 1986 with the merger of two residential treatment campuses. Since then, Youth Villages has grown to offer a complete continuum of programs and services, and become a nationally recognized leader in the field of children's services.

Serving all of Tennessee

Youth Villages serves Tennessee from the following cities:

Chattanooga	Morristown	Knoxville
Dyersburg	Columbia	Paris
Memphis	Johnson City	Dickson
Clarksville	Nashville	
Jackson	Cookeville	



Programs Provided

YVIntercept™

YVIntercept is an intensive in-home services program that specializes in strengthening and restoring families so that children and youth can avoid out-of-home placements such as foster care or residential treatment. All treatment is family-centered and includes strength-based interventions.

YVLifeSet™

Provides young people leaving the foster care, juvenile justice and mental health systems the intensive in-home support they need to make a successful transition to adulthood.

Multisystemic Therapy programs (MST, MST-EA and MST-CAN)

The Multisystemic Therapy programs offered by Youth Villages include standard MST, as well as MST-Emerging Adults and MST-Child Abuse and Neglect. Each program is designed for specific challenges and criteria. Treatment focuses on addressing all systems surrounding a child or teenager including family, peers, school and community.

Treatment Foster Care & Adoption Services

Youth Villages partners with the Tennessee Department of Children's Services to find foster and/or permanent adoption placements for children without biological family options.

Thrive

Thrive is an intensive in-home program for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, designed to intervene at the critical point following first

encounters with the system. A preventive program, Thrive focuses on diverting youth from further juvenile justice involvement through in-home, family-based services that incorporates two evidence-based interventions: Collaborative Problem Solving and Motivational Interviewing.

YVImpact

YVImpact is a pilot to provide enhanced services, beyond traditional YVIntercept, that are tailored to the needs of youth being diverted from hospitalization and youth who are stepping down from Level 4 placements. This enhanced program will focus intervention on the family system as a whole to ensure stability of the family and long term placement success.

Specialized Crisis Services

SCS provides assessments of children up to age 18 who experience psychiatric emergencies. Through the program, specially trained crisis counselors respond to crises rapidly and effectively, wherever and whenever they occur. The program serves most of Tennessee.

Residential/Intensive Residential Treatment

Youth Villages provides residential treatment to boys and girls on three open campuses. Our intensive residential treatment centers provide more intensive support for children and teenagers who require constant supervision due to serious behaviors and mental health issues.

Community-Based Group Homes/Emergency Teen Shelter

Group homes allow young people to receive mental health support while they learn to live successfully in the community. The Youth Villages Poplar Group Home, a Memphis Project Safe Place emergency shelter, is the area's only licensed runaway and homeless shelter for teens.

Results and Impact

On any given day, Youth Villages specialists are working to help nearly 2,300 children and youth in Tennessee.

WHO WE HELP

Children from birth to age 22

NUMBER OF YOUTH

Nearly 128,000 children and families served as of Jan. 2019

TENNESSEE'S NEEDS BY THE NUMBERS

1,497,647¹

Children in Tennessee
24.2% live in poverty

7,777²

Children in custody

9.1³

Average number of months in the system

Exits from foster care:



62% Reunified

22% Are adopted

5% Guardianship

10% Other



466³ young people age out of foster care without continuing support each year.

¹2017 population estimate
<https://factfinder.census.gov>

²TN DCS data, as of Jan 2019

³2016 data
<https://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/cwodatasite/pdf/tennessee.html>

Stephanie Prepares for College With Help of YVLifeSet™ Program

Stephanie is the first in her family to attend college. She plans to pursue social work as a career.



Stephanie, 19, enjoys going shopping with her friends. She buys the same sorts of things they do. The only difference is she pays for it with her own money.

"I guess maybe I appreciate it more," she said.

Stephanie has worked since she was 15 and recently graduated fourth in her class while maintaining a job. She entered foster care about three years ago, and her foster parents were granted guardianship. Her guardian heard about Youth Villages' YVLifeSet™ program at church. Chris Scarbrough-Key is her YVLifeSet™ specialist.

The two prepared Stephanie for college, including working on study skills, time management and budgeting. They role-played for more than a month before interviewing to become a YV Scholar, a program that provides additional support for college YVLifeSet™ youth provided they maintain academic and community service requirements. Chris toured colleges with Stephanie and helped with financial aid forms. Stephanie wasn't sure she'd be able to afford college, even mentioning at one point it was "too good to be true."

"There was so much I didn't know about, and Chris helped me figure it out," Stephanie said. "Chris helps me with pretty much everything."

She plans to pursue social work and recently reunited with her mother, who lives with family out-of-state. Stephanie is the first in her family to attend college.



Youth Villages is a national leader in children's mental and behavioral health bringing help and hope to tens of thousands of children, families and young people across the United States this year. The organization offers a continuum of evidence- and research-based programs, including residential treatment, foster care, adoption, crisis services and its two national models: YVIntercept, which offers intensive in-home services, and YVLifeSet™, which gives former foster youth a good start on successful adulthood. The organization has been recognized by the Harvard Business School and U.S. News & World Report, and was identified by The White House as one of the nation's most promising results-oriented nonprofit organizations.

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