Youth Villages has helped almost 145,000 children and youth in more than 30 years of service.

Overview
Youth Villages is a national leader in children’s mental and behavioral health, focused on providing the most effective help to children with emotional and behavioral problems, their families, and young people who are aging out of state services. By partnering with innovative state leaders and philanthropists, Youth Villages spurs positive change to child welfare, children’s mental health and juvenile justice systems through public-private partnerships, value- or performance-based contracting, and a focus on achieving long-lasting positive outcomes for the most challenging youth and families.

Programs Provided

YVIntercept™
Youth Villages provides intensive in-home services for families with children from birth to age 18.

- Diversion/Stabilization – Intensive stabilization work with families helps children at risk of out-of-home placement due to serious family or behavioral issues.
- Reunification – Intensive family work allows a child to transition home safely and successfully from a residential or foster care placement.

YVLifeSet™
Begun in 1999, YVLifeSet is the country’s largest program designed to help young people ages 17 to 23 who are aging out of child welfare, juvenile justice or children’s mental health systems get a good start on independent adulthood. The program was validated in one of the country’s largest randomized controlled studies. Youth Villages is now expanding the program through direct services and partnering with other high-performing nonprofits in a drive to make comprehensive services available to every young person who ages out of care by 2026. Youth Villages provides YVLifeSet in Georgia, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon and Tennessee.

Multisystemic Therapy® and MST– Emerging Adults
MST, a proven family- and community-based therapy, helps young people ages 12 to 17 who display serious antisocial behaviors and are at risk of out-of-home placements due to their behaviors. MST-EA is for young people ages 17 to 23 who have justice system involvement and behavioral problems.

Family Search Services
Specialists find extended family or relatives to connect children and youth with support.

Located in 20 states with 76 offices.

Wraparound
In Mississippi and North Carolina, Youth Villages provides wraparound services to support families and help children avoid out-of-home placement.

Residential/Intensive Residential Treatment
Youth Villages provides residential and intensive psychiatric residential treatment to girls and boys on campuses in Georgia and Tennessee.

Therapeutic Foster Care and Adoption Services
Youth Villages is one of the largest providers of therapeutic foster care and adoption services in Tennessee.

Specialized Crisis Services/ Emergency Department Diversion
Youth Villages provides assessment and referral services to children and youth experiencing psychiatric emergencies in Tennessee and Oregon. The programs are designed to help connect families with appropriate intensive help.

Group Homes
Group homes in Tennessee allow young people to receive mental health support while they learn to live successfully in the community.
**Results and Impact**
In 2018, 86 percent of children and youth were living successfully two years after they completed their program at Youth Villages.*

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**DAD GOES THE DISTANCE TO REUNITE HIS FAMILY**

Rudolfo Duenes was in Atlanta when he got a phone call from a friend that his children were being taken into state custody after their mother was found unconscious in the house. The children had been alone and drugs were involved.

This father’s fight to gain custody of his children began.

He kept working, fighting to get his kids back and earning money to pay lawyers. Then, one day, he got help. YVIntercept intensive in-home services program was assigned to his case. By this time, the children had been in a foster home in Alabama for years. Angela Dixon, an experienced family intervention specialist, became almost a part of the Duenes family.

“He was so willing to meet every requirement,” Dixon said. “At one point, the children were slated for adoption. He kept fighting. He never missed a visit, never missed an appointment. He’d jump on the Greyhound and be here.”

Duenes gained full custody of the children. They are happy, doing well in school, and proud to be home with their dad.

“I would tell others not to give up on reuniting with their children,” he said. “It’s worth it. One day, my kids will appreciate what I did for them.”

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**Youth Villages Overview**

- **55,208** Families served by in-home services since 2000
- **14,150** Children helped in residential services since 2000
- **13,527** Youth participated in YVLifeSet™ since 2000
- **3,000** Staff serving kids and families
- **1,002** Children adopted since 1999

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**Parents’ Choice:**

- **Overall satisfaction:** 91%
- **Would recommend Youth Villages to others:** 88%

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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.