Youth Villages has helped almost **175,000** 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**

**Intercept®**

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.

**LifeSet™**

Begun in 1999, LifeSet 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 LifeSet 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.

**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/ Crisis Support**

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.

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Results and Impact

In 2019, 88 percent of children and youth were living successfully one year after they completed their program at Youth Villages.*

WHO WE HELP

Children from birth to age 23

NUMBER SERVED

30,050 children and youth served in FY19

Youth Villages Overview

58,020
Families served by in-home services since 2000

18,293
Children helped in residential services since 2000

17,832
Youth participated in LifeSet™ since 2000

3,000
Staff serving kids and families

1,104
Children adopted since 1999

Parents' Choice:

Overall satisfaction
92%

Would recommend Youth Villages to others
89%

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. Intercept 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.”

Youth Villages is a national leader in children’s mental and behavioral health committed to building strong families, delivering effective services and significantly improving outcomes for children, families and young people involved in child welfare and juvenile justice systems across the country. Founded in 1986, the organization’s 3,000 employees help more than 30,000 children annually in 21 states across the U.S. Youth Villages 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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