

Youth Services for Oklahoma County, Inc. is a nonprofit community organization that advocates, educates, intervenes and counsels troubled youth and families to make a positive difference in their lives.

Established in 1972 and governed by a board of directors, YSOC offers a variety of services ... from counseling for at-risk youth ... to temporary out-of-home care for runaways and abuse victims ... to financial and emotional support for homeless high schoolers ... to intervention for first-time offenders.

At the heart of all services is a mission to foster self-esteem and resiliency in young people, to preserve and enrich family life, and to instill a sense of community in the youth, families and community-at-large.



Since 1972

WE CAN HELP

**Every child needs a loving family, a caring community, and sometimes ...
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**Changing
Young Lives**



Outpatient Behavioral Health Services

These programs provide counseling to at-risk youth and their families.

The Youth Counseling Center offers assessment, crisis intervention, individual, family and group counseling, referral and follow-up services.

The Community At-Risk Services Programs helps delinquent and pre-delinquent youth involved with the juvenile court. Services include individual, family and group counseling, educational advocacy, mentoring and tutoring.

The Family Junction Emergency Youth Shelter

The new Family Junction, licensed by the state, was opened in 2003 to accommodate 18 youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years who need temporary protective services for reasons beyond their control. The atmosphere is warm, inviting and designed to be as normal as possible. While at the shelter, youth attend school, participate in individual and group counseling, enjoy recreational activities and are assigned daily chores such as cleaning their rooms, helping to prepare meals, setting the table and even take out the trash.

Skills Education Program (SEP)

This four-week course, offered in English and Spanish, is a court-ordered consequence for first-time youthful offenders. Alongside their parents, youth learn how to positively relate, communicate, problem solve and make win-win decisions.

Safe Place

Available to students in Oklahoma City public schools, this network of more than 130 business and community partners offer safety and help to kids in crisis. Children from kindergarten through junior high are taught to recognize potentially dangerous situations and seek help in buildings that bear the distinctive yellow and black Safe Place signs.



Supporting Kids in Independent Living (SKIL)

This program offers invaluable financial and emotional support to high-school students in the Oklahoma City, Putnam City, Millwood and Western Heights districts who, for reasons beyond their control, live on their own while working toward their high-school diploma. By providing such resources as transportation, counseling and life skills education, the program ensures students get the help they need to graduate.

Community Intervention Center (CIC)

The Community Intervention Center, licensed by the Office of Juvenile Affairs, serves as a 24-hour juvenile reception and intervention hub for youth arrested in Oklahoma City and County. Youth brought to the CIC get a glimpse of the realities of the justice system. They are listed in the state juvenile on-line tracking system, photographed and some are fingerprinted according to the offense. Parents are notified quickly upon admittance and youth are released to their custody or that of a guardian within 24 hours.



Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities International

International Certification

The outpatient behavioral health, case management and substance abuse services are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities International based in Tucson, Arizona. This means YSOC meets more than 2,000 rigorous national and international standards for service and quality.

The accreditation review team, in its last on-site survey, noted several of YSOC's strengths, including:

- strong leadership
- dedicated and competent staff members
- teamwork
- passion
- commitment to the people we serve

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) recognizes YSOC as an accredited outpatient drug and alcohol treatment agency.



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