



## Youth Services for Oklahoma County, Inc.

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### Services

Youth Services provides crisis intervention, counseling, shelter, and referral services to teens ages 12- 18 yrs old and their families. In the past five years, well over 70,000 youth and families have benefited from the following service programs.

**Outpatient Behavioral Health Services** (*since 1972*) is internationally accredited by CARF. Services in the Youth Counseling Center include assessment, crisis intervention, individual, family and group counseling, referral and follow-up services.

- **The Community At Risk Services (CARS)** program, first introduced in 1998, helps delinquent and pre-delinquent youth involved with the juvenile court. Services are home and clinic-based and includes individual, family and grouping counseling, educational advocacy, life skills training, employment assistance, mentoring and tutoring.
- **Juvenile Re-entry Oklahoma County (JROC)** seeks to provide basic life skills training to juveniles returning to the community from secure placements after serving their court ordered sentences.

**The Family Junction Youth Emergency Shelter** (*since 1975*) The Family Junction Shelter opened in February 2003. It is a 24-hour, 18-bed residential facility for 12-17 year olds who need temporary protective services for reasons beyond their control. These youth are referred for services to the shelter by the Department of Human Services (DHS) or Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA). 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 prepare meals, setting the table and even taking out the trash.

**Skills Education Program** (*since 1978*) 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. Parents are also encouraged to self refer.





**Supporting Kids in Independent Living (SKIL)** (*since 1998*) offers invaluable financial and emotional support to high school students in the Oklahoma City Public High Schools who, for reasons beyond their control, live on their own while working toward their high school diploma. These high school teens are not DHS involved nor are they court involved. By providing such resources as transportation, counseling, and life skills education, the program ensures students get the help they need to graduate. Additionally SKIL Staff work to help the SKIL clients develop a plan for post high school graduation, ex. College, technical training school and/or the armed forces.

**Oklahoma City/County Community Intervention Center (CIC)** (*since 1997*) serves as a one-stop 24 hour reception/secure holding center for juvenile offenders arrested and ticketed for specific felony, misdemeanor, and status offenses. It also serves as the holding center for truancy and curfew violators. Parents and/or guardians are notified within the first 30 minutes of their child's arrival to the CIC. Municipal Police or County law enforcement turn-over custody of the juvenile offender to the CIC and return to their community/neighborhood patrol within 8 minutes creating more law enforcement on the streets protecting the community.

