



Family & Children's Center

La Crosse Downtown Rotary
November 12, 2015

Innovation *Hope* *Life-Changing*
Effective *Excellence*

Better Tomorrows Start With Us

MISSION

Family & Children's Center serves children, families and individuals with a continuum of services designed to strengthen families and promote individual well-being.



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AGENCY PROFILE

- 9 locations in 2 states
- \$12 Million annual budget – 89% fees for service/contracts & 11% philanthropy
- 30+ programs across full continuum
- 250+ employees including social workers, therapists, RNs, teachers



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Transforming Lives Across The Region



Rochester

Assessments
Outpatient Counseling
Youth Night Campus



Winona

Adult Support Program
Alternative Education
Day Treatment
Hiawatha Hall
Intensive Tracking Program
Matty's Place
Outpatient Counseling
Treatment Foster Care
Youth Night Campus



La Crosse

Alternative Education
Community Respite Program
Community Support Program
Day Treatment
Healthy Families
Hope Academy
In-Home Safety Services
Outpatient Counseling
Residential Treatment
Sandcastles
Stepping Stones
Treatment Foster Care
Youth Home



Holmen

Senior Apartments



Black River Falls

Community Support Program
In-Home Safety Services



Viroqua

Community Support Program
Domestic Abuse Project
Outpatient Counseling



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A CONTINUUM OF CARE

- **Prevention** – Home Visiting, Children's Advocacy Centers, Alternative School
- **Intervention** – Day Treatment, Community Support Programs, Juvenile Diversion
- **Residential** – Respite Care, Treatment Foster Care, Youth Home, Residential Treatment, Hiawatha Hall



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HOST HOMES FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

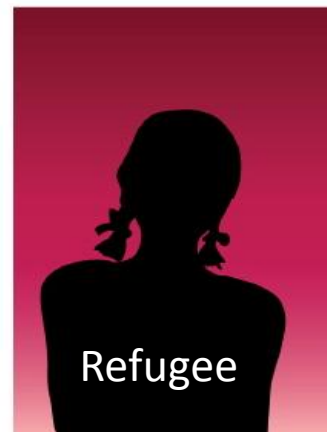
- Outside the “system,” community-based housing and support
- Screen and train volunteers to share their home and resources
- Youth-driven matching process
- Case management support for youth
- Program support for hosts



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WHY DO YOUTH BECOME HOMELESS?



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THE GOOD NEWS

With youth-appropriate intervention and support, homeless youth:

- Lead stable, healthy lives
- Succeed in school, work and relationships
- Contribute to our community



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PROGRAM GOALS

Support youth to:

- Move beyond crisis, feel more stability
- Begin to heal and trust
- Build a sense of self-worth and orientation to the future
- Start pursuing personal goals - family relationships, education, employment, housing, skills, health and wellness

***“...move from surviving the streets
to thriving young adults”***



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YOUTH ELIGIBILITY & EXPECTATIONS

- Ages 16-21
- Continue to attend school and/or work
- Meet regularly with program social worker
- Set and work towards goals for the future
- Abide by host home rules



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VOLUNTEER HOST REQUIREMENTS

- Provide shelter and food for a youth
- Be an adult role model (over age 21)
- Have lived in La Crosse County for at least 1 year
- Have renter's or homeowner's insurance
- Authorize and pass background checks
- Complete 16 hours of training
- Create an emergency disaster procedure and fire escape plan for home



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9 EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Journey-oriented
- Trauma-informed
- Non-judgmental
- Harm reduction
- Trusting relationships
- Strengths-based
- Positive youth development
- Holistic
- Youth-centered, collaborative



9 Evidence-Based, Guiding Principles to Help Youth Overcome Homelessness, Homeless Youth Collaborative on Developmental Evaluation, February 2014

PROGRAM KICK-OFF

Wednesday, November 18

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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1707 Main Street, La Crosse



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