

## **United Methodist Youth Home - Evansville**

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The United Methodist Youth Home was founded in 1979 to provide a safe haven for young women ages 10-21 who have been made wards of the court due to abuse, neglect or behavior problems. In February of 2010 we expanded our services to include young men between the ages of 10-21. Our mission is helping at-risk youth become responsible and productive members of the community. In the past 30 years more than 1,000 young people have changed their lives thanks to the programs and services offered by the United Methodist Youth Home.

UMYH accepts referrals from throughout the state of Indiana. All of our programs are available to young people and their families regardless of race, color, national origin or religious affiliation. Our programs also accept pregnant and parenting teens with programs designed to teach basic parenting and child development skills.

Funding for our residents' care is based on a per diem rate paid by the Department of Child Services and by the generous support from the United Methodist Church community, individual donors, corporations and grants.

Our residential programs offer troubled youth a safe and nurturing environment where they can receive the care they need to rebuild their damaged lives. Our smaller home-like setting allows the residents (many for the first time) to experience a "family-like" environment. The UMYH treatment program includes 24-hour supervision, health care, education, behavior modification, counseling, religious education and recreational activities. In January 2009 UMYH added a full time staff position to coordinate our LifeMAP (Life Skills and Mentoring Adolescents) program, which teaches basic life skills to our residents and provides an after-care mentoring program for them as they transition into independent living.

The United Methodist Home treatment team is led by Clinical Psychologist Barbara C. Jessen, Psy.D., H.S.P.P., Executive Director and Clinical Director. Our treatment staff includes two case managers, a licensed social worker, a services coordinator, the supervising youth care worker and our independent living skills instructor, as well as a staff of full and part-time youth care workers. In addition we have an administrative staff which includes our accounting/hr coordinator, development director, office manager and facilities manager.

The United Methodist Youth Home is grateful for the continued support we receive from the United Methodist Church community. Your support has enabled us to help troubled youth who might otherwise be overlooked or forgotten without the services provided by the United Methodist Youth Home.

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