

Louisiana Methodist Children's Home
Statistical Report of Services for 1995

REFERRALS

During 1995, the Methodist Children's Home had a total of 734 individual children referred to its programs. Of those children referred, 238 were referred by the Office of Youth Development, 161 were referred by the Office of Community Services, 261 were referred by private sources, 74 children were referred by police departments or sheriff's offices.

Of the 734 children referred; 378 were male, 354 were female and 2 youth who's sex was not given when the referral was made. Of the youth referred, 203 were Black, 486 were White and 45 individual's race was not given. The average age for youth referred was 14.2 for males and 14.4 for females.

EMERGENCY SHELTER CARE

During 1995, a total of 97 children were served in Emergency Shelter Care. Of those children, 60 were males, 37 were females, 49 were Black, 45 were White, 2 were American Indian, and 1 was Bi-racial. During 1995, there were 2844 days of care served in Emergency Shelter Care. Of those 2844 days of care, 1724 were for Male and 1120 were Females. The average length of stay for males was 29 days, for females it was 30 days.

Of the children served in Emergency Shelter Care, there were 42 youth from DOC, 28 males for 576 days and 14 females for 221 days, for a total of 797 days of care. There were 47 youth from OCS, 26 males for 914 days and 21 females for 855 days, for a total of 1769 days of care. From Private sources, we served 8 youth, 6 males for 234 days and 2 females for 44 days, for a total 278 days of care.

Of the 97 youth who came into the Emergency Shelter Care program, 3 continued in the program at the end of the calendar year. Of the 94 discharged from the program, some returned home, went to detention, went to other child care agencies or were admitted to psychiatric hospitals, 54 youth entered the Evaluation program, and 3 youth went to Residential Care from the Emergency Shelter Care program.

During 1995, we had 54 youth leave Emergency Shelter Care and enter the Evaluation program. There were 35 males and 19 females. The average age for males admitted into Emergency Shelter Care was 15.1 and for females 15.2.

ALTERNATE CARE

During 1995 we served 72 different youth in the Alternate Care program for 637 days of care. There were 44 males for 488 days and 28 females for 149 days. There were 52 Black and 20 White. 3 simple burglaries, 11 simple battery, 7 runaway, 2 assault on an office, 3 aggravated assault, 3 possession of illegal weapon, 3 shoplifting, 1 probation violoation, 1 criminal misdemeanor, 2 unauthorized use of movable, 1 driving without license, 1 ungovernable, 9 children in need of supervision, 1 family in need of supervision, 1 criminal damage to property, 1 trespassing, 1 attempted poisoning, 3 sexual battery, etc.

Disposition of the children leaving; 10 youth were placed in the Emergency Shelter Care, 1 was placed in the Evaluation program, 2 were placed in the LTI system, 4 were placed in other agencies, 1 was placed in a psychiatric hospital, most were released to their parents/legal guardians, and none remained in care.

EVALUATION

During 1995, we served a total of 80 youth in our Evaluation Program. Of these 80 youth, 37 were male and 43 were female. Of the youth served, 26 were Black, 50 were White and 1 was Bi-racial. A total of 3576 days of care were provided; 1740 were for male and 1836 were female.

Of those youth that came into care, 39 were from DOC, 18 were male and 21 were female, for a total of 1454 days. From OCS we served 26 youth, 13 were male and 13 were female, for a total 1641 days. From the private sector, we served 15 youth, 6 being male and 9 being female for a total of 481 days of care.

Of the 80 youth served in Evaluation, 76 entered into Residential Care, 4 children continued in Evaluation. The average age for youth in Evaluation was 15.1 for males and 15.2 for females.

RESIDENTIAL CARE

During 1995, we served a total of 124 different youth in the Residential Care program, for a total of 19628 days of care. Of those youth served, 52 were from DOC, 27 male and 25 were female, for a total of 7498 days of care. From OCS we served 53 youth, 27 were male and 26 were female, for a total of 9250 days of care. From the private sector we served 19 youth, 6 male and 13 female, for a total of 2880 days of care.

During 1995, we served 70 White youth, 50 Black youth, 3 American Indian and 1 Oriental youth. The average age from males in care was 15.3 and for females was 15.3 years of age. The average length of stay was 5 months, 8 days for youth in Residential Care.

DISCHARGES

During 1995, 70 youth left the Residential Care Program. Of these youth, 37 were male and 33 were female. Of the 70 youth leaving care, 18 returned home or to a relative's care, 5 were placed in the hospital, 3 went to detention, 10 to other child care agencies, 2 live independently, 5 went into foster care, and 27 went to other placements. These other placements include foster care, continuing education and independent living programs. Some of these youth were placed in Methodist Children's Home programs.

TOTAL RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

During 1995, 241 different youth were admitted into the residential programs of the Methodist Children's Home. During this time 189 youth were discharged from these programs.

INDEPENDENT LIVING

During this year, 69 structured classes and seminars were presented to 16-21 year olds. During 1995, 179 individual youth have been served. Children in the care of our agency, other child care agencies and in foster care have been given classes in subjects such as apartment hunting, insurance, check writing, banking, nutrition and many other subjects dealing with independent living. Our workers cover from Ruston to the Mississippi River. Each youth is given a pre-test for independent living skills with the average score for 1995 being 64%. At the conclusion of the classes, each youth is given a post test with the average score for 1995 being 80%. The average improvement between pre- and post-testing was 16%.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

During 1995, a total of 1281 individuals were served through the Family Development Center. There were 97 out-patient clients yielding a total of 228 individual family members seen in family therapy. There were 128 residential clients yielding a total of 288 individual family members seen in therapy. The Family Development Center staff taught 38 individuals the course *Helping Children Cope with Divorce*. In Court-Referred Family Training, a total of 48 individuals were seen in 107 sessions. During 1995, 34 families involving 219 individuals participated in court ordered family evaluation services. 460 children in the Lincoln Parish schools were taught a violence prevention curriculum.

HOWARD EDUCATIONAL CENTER

During 1995, the Howard Educational Center provided educational services to a total of 242 different youth. 241 of these youth were residents of the Methodist Children's Home. Howard Educational Center served 80 different youth in regular Residential classes. 40 youth moved through the regular classroom and on to either public school or Voc-Tech. 162 youth participated in short term and evaluative educational services. 12 of these 162 met the criteria for attending school off campus and were quickly transferred into a public school.