

Youth Shelter News

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“Serving youth and families in a safe and caring environment.”

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Kick off the holiday season!

2nd Annual Holiday “Celebrity” Waiter Dinner set for Dec. 15

The Clark County Youth Shelter & Family Services, Inc. will kick off the holiday season with a fundraising event to benefit the at-risk youth and families served in Southern Indiana.

The second annual Holiday “Celebrity” Waiter Dinner features local leaders in the community who “serve” guests with entertainment and togetherness

during an evening featuring a silent auction, prize giveaway, and great food.

Set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, in the Jeffersonville Optimist Club, the event is one of two yearly fundraisers that help support CCYS. Individuals interested in attending or willing to donate a silent auction item may call Amy Schneidau at (812) 284

-5229 ext. 11 for more information.

Help us get off to a good start in 2006!



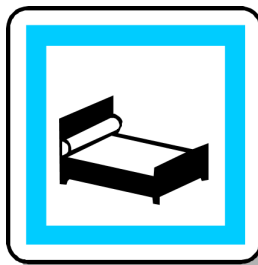
Program Profile: Residential

One of our most basic programs is also one of our most essential: Residential.

The Residential Program of the Clark County Youth Shelter & Family Services, Inc. entails the basic sheltering of the youth. It includes housing, feeding, cleaning, transporting, and supervising up to ten youth ages 11 to 18 who are placed in our care through the Offices of Family and Children due to unsafe home situations or through Probation due to status offences. Referrals also may be from parents due to family conflicts or by youth who are runaways or homeless. Youth referred for residential care may be from any county within Indiana or from any state. Maximum

length of stay in emergency shelter is 60 days, however Court referred youth may be ordered a longer term.

While under residential care, youth are provided a bed and personal storage space. A strict schedule is followed including bedtimes and mealtimes, which consist of well-balanced menus approved by the state and prepared by youth workers. Each resident is expected to participate in daily and weekly household chores such as dishwashing, making



his/her bed, and personal laundry.

CCYS employs 12 people who serve as Youth Workers, or supervisors of the residents. Also, a Youth Work Supervisor oversees the scheduling and work duties of the Youth Workers, and a Residential Coordinator prepares meal menus and grocery lists and handles household repairs and emergencies.

The Residential Program — or the serving of basic human needs — is the backbone of what Clark County Youth Shelter & Family Services is about. Without it, our supportive services would have no core.

Wish List

Remember the Clark County Youth Shelter & Family Services this holiday season. Here is a list of items we would be grateful to receive!

- Canned food
- Non-perishable food
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Digital Camera
- 20" Television w/DVD and VCR
- 14 New Twin Comforters (neutral color)
- Carpet cleaning for office area
- Laundry detergent
- Board games
- Gas Cards
- Dishwashing tablets
- Paper towels
- White copier paper
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray/Wipes
- Grocery gift cards
- Movie tickets for behavior incentives



CCYS Welcomes New Employees!

The staff of the Clark County Youth Shelter welcomed several new employees to the ranks since August.

Patrice Fogerson returned to our staff as a full-time youth worker for the third shift.

Marcus Pinkston is our first-shift part-time youth worker.

Autumn Burkardt and

Catherine King-Nukes are new on-call youth workers.

Congratulations to these employees for joining the efforts of the Clark County Youth Shelter and Family Services in "serving youth and families in a safe and caring environment."

We're glad you're with us!

Check us out on the Web

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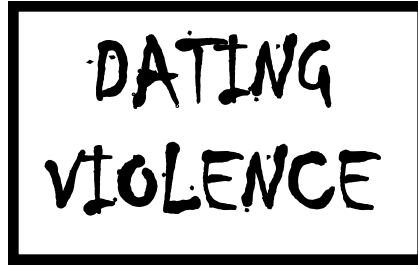
Dating violence common among adolescents

Many Americans feel concern about domestic violence. However, relatively few know about relatively widespread dating violence among young people. Dating violence includes physical violence, such as hitting or punching, as well as nonconsensual sexual activity and forcible rape. Female or male teenagers may be the victims and/or perpetrators of dating violence, and research indicates the existence of many mutually violent relationships.

While both females and males may suffer dating violence, female teens in heterosexual relationships are more likely to be injured and to suffer emotionally than are their male peers.

Both female and male teens experience dating violence.

- In one study of over 1,000 high school students, over 45 percent of females and over 43 percent of males reported being the recipient of violence from dating partners at least once.¹
- Mutually violent relationships, in which young people both suffer and perpetrate violence, may be fairly common. In one study of 77 adolescents who reported dating violence, 66 percent identified themselves as both victims and perpetrators of violence within the relationship. These adolescents also reported significantly higher amounts of violence, severe violence, and injuries sustained compared to teens that were only victims of dating violence.²



- Many teens involved in mutually violent relationships more readily accepted dating violence than did teens who were violence victims only.²
- Female teens are more likely than male teens to suffer severe violence, such as being choked, burned, or beaten.^{1,3} One study showed that teenage females were nearly three times more likely to suffer a beating than were teenage males.¹ Male teens are more likely to cause severe injuries than to suffer them.^{1,3,4}
- In discussing violent dating relationships, female teens reported that males they dated initiated abuse 70 percent of the time, and males in the same study reported that females they dated initiated abuse 27 percent of the time.⁴
- Research also shows that young women are most likely to act violently in self-defense.^{1,4} Both young women and young men attributed some of females' violence to young men's forcing or attempting to force sexual activities on them.^{1,4}

Many Young People Remain Silent about Dating Violence.

- In the study of 635 high school

students, less than three percent of those suffering violence reported it to an authority figure; only six percent told a family member.⁴

- In another study, a majority of respondents told no one about suffering dating violence. Only 22 percent told someone — always a peer — and less than five percent of them also told a parent.⁵
- Researchers attributed violence victims' silence to: 1) self-blame,¹ 2) the belief that violent intimate relationships are normal,^{1,2,4} and 3) fear that their parents would not approve of the relationship.⁵

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Office Depot

For the donation of 80 backpacks to benefit our residents

Jeffersonville Rotary Club

For a \$500 grant to fund activities for shelter residents

Youth Philanthropy Council

For a \$500 grant to benefit our Betting Against Drugs program

Charlestown Methodist Church

Donation of \$550

Southeast Christian Church

Carpet and building cleaning

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Youth Services
Prevent Child Abuse
(Clark and Floyd Counties)
Floyd County ATOD



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