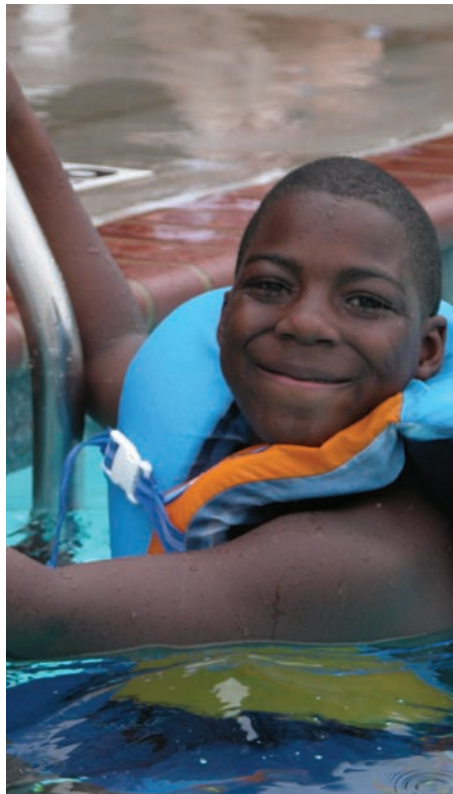


# Specialized Treatment for Developmentally Delayed, Emotionally Disturbed Children



## Helping Youth With Special Challenges

For almost 20 years, Youth Villages has been providing psychiatric residential treatment for developmentally delayed, emotionally disturbed young people.

By responding to the needs of these children, many of whom have been “written off” as too slow, our programs have provided success where previous treatment options have failed. Objectives for treatment include: working through emotional discomfort, developing improved self-esteem, improving interpersonal skills, helping to find a clearer understanding of self, learning to deal with anger, sadness, and loss, and resolving family conflict.

With individual cottages accommodating 10-12 youth, children are placed in groups according to age, gender, diagnosis, and functioning level. Staff include master’s-level counselors, child and adolescent psychiatrists, and around-the-clock nurses. Education is provided during the entire year by special-education teachers and teacher assistants in our state-approved campus schools. To ensure individualized assessment and instruction, classes are small with a staff:student ratio of 1:5. Recreational therapists provide a full array of therapeutic activities.

## Family Involvement

The goal of family therapy is to support parents in implementing expectations that are developmentally appropriate for their children and adapting parenting techniques that support the child’s progress toward the goal of independence.

## Knowledgeable staff with an understanding approach



### Admission Criteria

- Candidate may be male or female
- Age ranges: males 8-17, females 12-17
- Verbal IQ: 50-75
- Medical problems may be significant but must be stabilized
- Failure in less intensive treatment settings

### Financial Considerations

The intensive, around-the-clock treatment we provide is not inexpensive; however, it is substantially less than the cost of the treatment options offered by most similarly accredited agencies. Many state departments of Medicaid, along with many medical insurance policies, pay all or much of the cost of treatment. We are a Medicaid provider for Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Wyoming, as well as for numerous insurance carriers. We are also a contract provider for child welfare agencies in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Mississippi, Florida, and Tennessee. We will do everything we can to make care affordable.

### How to Make a Referral

Referrals may be made by phone or by mail to:  
Placement Services Dept.  
P.O. Box 341154  
Memphis, TN 38184-1154  
or call: 1-877-983-6767

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Founded in 1986, Youth Villages has built a national reputation for offering the most effective programs and services to help emotionally troubled children and their families. Headquartered in Memphis, the private nonprofit organization provides a fully integrated continuum of services, including residential treatment, intensive in-home services, treatment foster care and adoption, group homes, a transitional living program, crisis services, and family-based care for children with severe developmental disabilities.