

**More than 80%** of youth served by Youth Villages' Intensive In-Home Services programs have **remained successfully in the home** at least one year after receiving services.

## Background

Youth Villages began operations in the state of Alabama in 2002, serving the Huntsville and Anniston areas with the Intercept intensive in-home services program. Since then, Youth Villages has expanded to additional locations and added new services. Today, Youth Villages provides family preservation, reunification and continuum services in six Alabama locations through our Therapeutic Foster Care, Intercept, Multisystemic Therapy and Transitional Living programs.

### YOUTH VILLAGES' ALABAMA OPERATIONS | OFFICES

- Anniston
  - Birmingham
  - Dothan
  - Huntsville
- \* Also serving Mobile and Montgomery

### RESULTS AND IMPACT | TOTAL YOUTH SERVED STATEWIDE: 155

- Population served: Variety of youth ages 5 to 21
- Number of youth: More than 1,200 served since 2002
- Outcome: More than 80% are living at home or in a home-like environment one year after completing their Youth Villages program.

### KEY STATE VALIDATORS

**Kelley Parris-Barnes**, Director, Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention  
**Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb**, Supreme Court of Alabama

### PROGRAMS PROVIDED

#### Intercept

Intercept provides treatment to troubled children and families in their own homes at times convenient for the families.

#### Multisystemic Therapy (MST)

MST is built on the principle and scientific evidence that a seriously troubled child's behavioral problems are multidimensional and must be confronted using multiple strategies.

- Therapy is intensive and is conducted in the child's home by a single counselor.
- As part of the process, the counselor typically works closely with teachers, neighbors, extended family, even members of the child's peer group and their parents.
- A counselor is available to the family 24 hours a day, seven days a week and typically works with the child and family over a three-to-five-month period.

#### Therapeutic Foster Care

The children served by Youth Villages face many challenges. Some are victims of abuse and neglect; others are medically fragile or have developmental delays, and many have emotional or behavioral problems. These children need the stability and care of a family to help them overcome their challenges and live successfully. This includes foster families, with caring parents who provide a loving and safe home for children in need.

#### Transitional Living

Transitional Living provides young people leaving the foster care, juvenile justice and mental health systems the intensive in-home support they need to make the transition to adulthood.