

About The Villages

As Indiana's largest not-for-profit child and family services agency, The Villages serves more than 1,200 children and their families each day. Our vision is that every child will flourish in a healthy, nurturing, self-sufficient family.



The Villages' Transitional Living Program

Helping young people become independent



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Transitioning into Adulthood

Life after foster care can be challenging and confusing for youth trying to make a successful transition into the adult world. For teenagers in state custody, “aging-out” of the system with little or no support from a strong parental support system can be especially difficult. Studies indicate that young adults leaving foster care are at great risk for failure.

The Villages is committed to helping youth bridge the gap between childhood and adulthood. By becoming their family network, The Villages helps youth develop the skills, knowledge and connections to make a successful transition to independent living.

How it Works

The Villages’ transitional living program targets youth age 17 and older who are in out-of-home placement and approaching independence. The programs focus on teaching them critical life skills and preparing them for their next steps to adulthood. We recognize this is a time where youth are trying to figure out what they want to do in life, and we help them to navigate that path.

Our program provides assistance to help teens complete a high school diploma or GED, enroll in additional education programs, obtain employment opportunities and increase their social skills and support network through transitional living group activities.

In more than 90 percent of our transitional living cases, youth completing the program continue as self-sufficient and productive members of their communities.



Services Offered

The services offered by The Villages are intended to help Indiana youth obtain the life skills they need to make a successful transition into adulthood. Services include:

- Life skills training
- Assessment and implementation of individualized independent living plans
- Scattered-site housing
- 24-hour case management and support services, including support groups
- Supportive services for transitional youth who have children of their own
- Financial assistance, including a monthly stipend for living expenses

Candidate Criteria

Youth who qualify are given the support and necessary tools to succeed, but they must be fully committed to the program. Youth must meet the following criteria:

- Shows initiative to earn a high school diploma or GED
- Demonstrates motivation to hold a part-time job
- Succeeded in out-of-home placement or drug treatment program, but has no adult support for living on his or her own
- Demonstrates ability to follow rules and show respect for authority
- Demonstrates the initiative and motivation to make some positive decisions and understands the consequences of choices in life
- A teen parent who displays some of the above characteristics
- A youth who has been on his or her own too long to go back to the structure of a foster home