

Payne County Youth Services is a non-profit agency, serving children, youth and families for over 40 years. Recognized for excellence, PCYS serves over 1500 clients each year through the emergency youth shelter, outpatient mental health and substance abuse counseling, the Safe Place Program, Skills for Success, Foster Care and a variety of prevention and diversion services. All of these services are free of charge to the service recipient.

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Mission Statement

Payne County Youth Services, Inc. is dedicated to providing free quality services for the positive development and recovery of children, youth and families.

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What Can YOU Do?

Businesses and individuals who want to support our services with financial contributions can do so by making a tax-deductible donation to Payne County Youth Services, Inc., designated for the Transitional Living Program.

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Transitional Living Program



Assisting 18 to 22 year old Young Adults to Lead Healthy, Productive Lives



TLP serves homeless young adults, ages 18-22, in Payne, Noble, and Pawnee counties. Applicants must meet the definition of "homeless" - either literally homeless (currently staying at a shelter or sleeping someplace not meant for human habitation), about to be homeless, or escaping domestic violence. Applicants also need to be able to show that they have no other resources (financial, family) to be able to obtain housing on their own.

TLP provides housing and utility assistance, as well as case management and counseling services. In exchange, the client must be working, in school, or volunteering for at least 30 hours a week; must meet with the TLP Coordinator for weekly case management sessions and apartment inspections; must attend Life Skills classes; and must meet with one of our counselors weekly. Gradually the young adult is expected to contribute a percentage of their income to the rent and bills, until eventually they are paying for the apartment on their own. The maximum amount of time a young adult can be in the program is 18 months.

The Transitional Living Program provides young adults with the skills and services they need to make a successful transition into adulthood.

Transitional Living Program provides:

- Individualized, youth-centered services
- Case Management
- GLBTQ2S Services
- Counseling
- Transitional Housing
- Independent Living Housing
- Job Assistance
- Educational Assistance:
 - GED/High School Completion
 - Post-Secondary Education
 - Vocational/Technical Education
- Resume Preparation
- Incentives
- Life Skills
- Linkage to existing resources
- Weekly contact with Youth
- On-Call Crisis Support
- Discharge Planning
- Development of consistent, supportive relationships



**WE CAN
HELP!**



Did you know?

- Stillwater Public Schools report 64 homeless students.
- It is estimated that there are over 120 homeless youth in Payne County, Oklahoma.
- Youth who have experienced chronic trauma may lack basic life skills and decision making tools.
- 40% of youth in their 20's move back home with family at least once, even if that family has been abusive or unhealthy.
- Researchers generally agree that the youthful development of the brain continues through age 25.
- There is a cyclical, generational affect of trauma which tends to derail a youth's ability to live independently.

Contact us at (405) 377-3380 to get more information, make a referral, or set up an interview with our Program Coordinator.