

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 Youth 16-22 to
 Lead Healthy,
 Productive Lives***



Youth may be homeless or living in unhealthy environments. Scattered-site apartments will be available for qualifying youth. As the youth is able, they will begin to pay a portion of their rent and utilities until they are fully independent.

Some youth may have experienced turmoil in their young lives that could result in educational and developmental disruptions. By providing life skills education, and assistance with job readiness and educational needs, the Transitions Program will assist youth to practice accountability, build healthy relationships, avoid substance abuse and obtain necessary goals that will allow for successful transition into adulthood.

If one knows not where they will lay their head at night, it is difficult to focus on anything else.

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.