



The Academy

Mercy Home remains an innovator in providing kids in crisis with the safety, therapy, and educational tools they need to create better lives. In our work, we help children heal the wounds that have afflicted them, so that they might grow into happy and productive adults who raise healthy, loving families of their own.

One of the most pressing challenges our kids face is that they are often very under-prepared to succeed academically; and, academic success plays a major role in a child's future prospects. When young people arrive at Mercy Home, many are already two years behind peers at their grade-level. Some are as many as five years behind! This imperils their chances at enjoying a successful life. This imperils their futures.

That's why Mercy Home launched The Academy

The Academy is not a school—it's what we do to help our young people catch up to their peers academically and to give them even more tools for creating a better life. The Academy gives children the resources to respond to the educational challenges so many of them face. Resources such as:

- Improved testing tools that enhance our ability to identify learning and skills gaps that a child may have when seeking admission to Mercy Home
- Individualized education plans and school placements that enable us to set the most appropriate goals and objectives that each child will work toward
- One-on-one tutoring
- Opportunities to increase career and vocational skills, arts awareness and real-life work experience
- A program of after-school learning experiences that enhance young people's education

These learning experiences consist of everything from special events held at Mercy Home, to interest-based elective activities, to interactive computer programs designed to increase math and reading skills. They also consist of academic courses delivered at Mercy Home which have been developed as part of the Academy.

Courses include: Financial Literacy, ACT Preparation, Creative Writing, Book Reading Circle, Nutritional and Personal Health, Fantasy Football Math Group, Mural Painting, Dance Art and many more.

To improve educational support and to ensure accountability for outcomes, Mercy Home created a new department from which the Academy takes its name.

The Academy enhances our ability to identify and address academic improvement needs for every child who enters our residential programs, and helps determine the most appropriate formal educational setting for each youth. And, it provides learning technologies that help youth increase math and reading skills.

With the Academy, every youth's efforts are directed toward healing their psychological wounds, while also preparing for the demands of a world after Mercy Home that will expect a higher degree of academic skill.



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