

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls has been a solution for kids in crisis since 1887.

We provide life-changing care and support services to abused and at-risk children while promoting healing for families and communities.



By the Numbers During fiscal year 2018:

196

Youth lived with us

167

Family members were involved

340

Former residents & families were provided ongoing support

30

Former residents & families lived in our supportive housing building

88

Youth were mentored by volunteers

311

Youth had in-person consultation with our admissions staff

962 Total unique individuals* served *Some individuals received multiple services

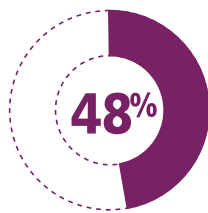
Youth before coming to Mercy Home



Not on track to graduate



Repeated a grade

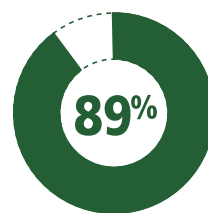


School attendance issues

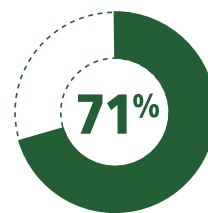
Youth after coming to Mercy Home



H.S. seniors graduated



Advanced to next grade



H.S./GED graduates planned to enroll in post-secondary education

Young people come to us three years behind in school on average and with little career preparation. But once at Mercy Home, they receive:

- Tutoring
- Supplemental coursework
- Placement in one of 50+ Chicago-area schools
- Jobs and internships
- Executive functions training
- Career exploration programs

Our Model of Care

SINCE 1887



Within our safe, stable, and therapeutic setting, we help children and families heal from trauma and early life stresses.

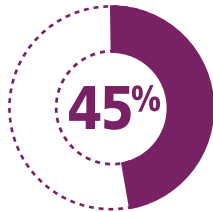
Our model of care is built on evidence and lessons learned throughout our 132 year history and has been refined through partnerships with leaders in mental health, child trauma, and young adult development.



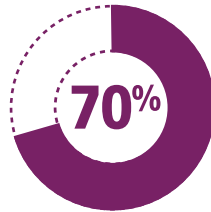
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Abused or neglected



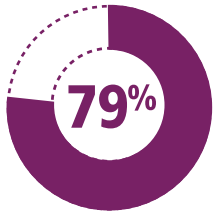
No parental involvement



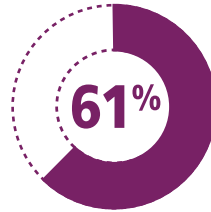
Family income
-\$20,000/yr.



1+ out-of-home placement



Substance abuse in family



Mental illness in family

We Provided During fiscal year 2018:

4,074

Individual therapy sessions

124

Pre-admission clinical assessments

543

Family therapy sessions

5,667

Contacts with former residents

Our programs supported young people in crisis and professionals who care for them, including:

- Mentoring outings
- Trainings and forums for youth care professionals
- Referrals to external agencies

- Medical and dental care
- Dance, music, and art therapy
- Issue awareness campaigns

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