

Program Information

Location Names: Zenith, Orion, Gemini and Phoenix

Address: 517 Park Street

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Property Information: Residential homes in neighborhood community

Total Capacity: 32 residents

Population Served*: Males & Females, 13-19 years old

*Licensed from ages 13-17 but can admit and retain youth to age 22

Goal of Program: To provide independent living skills in a transitional setting

Treatment Modalities: Structure, 1:1 counseling, independent living curriculum

Staffing: A full-time Unit Program Director will provide supervision and

guidance, along with support staff

Length of stay: Minimum 3 months, maximum 5 years



Appropriate Referrals

- Developmentally delayed adolescent females and males exhibiting limited coping skills, relationship skills, life skills and other aspects of adolescent development
- Youth in need of Independent Living Skills
- CHINS
- Learning disabled who are able to function adequately in a program and environment where there is minimal direct staff supervision
- Adjustment Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, Bi-Polar Disorder, Depression, Eating Disorder, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Personality Disorder, PTSD, Separation Anxiety Disorder
- Mild Mental Retardation (not less than full scale IQ 70)
- Youths not appropriate for foster home placement
- Pregnant teens until they become a parent (not licensed for babies)
- Youth with behaviors that can be addressed in a non-hospital, non-secure setting with the support of pharmacological and psychiatric services
- Youth who have successfully completed an approved substance abuse or sexual offender treatment program and have successfully complete a STARS Group Home assessment and orientation period
- Those who have completed a 30day orientation at one of the STARS group homes

Inappropriate Referrals

Those not appropriate for placement are youth whose needs cannot be met by STARS staff or program, including, but not limited to those with:

- Aggressive behaviors (frequent, extreme, current)
- MR (below full scale IQ 70)
- Exhibiting current psychotic behaviors
- Sexual perpetrators who have not successfully completed an approved sexual offender treatment program
- Fire setters who have not completed approved treatment
- Primary treatment need is substance abuse treatment
- Youth that would not benefit from the program