Summary of Services

CCH’s mission is to provide “a haven of hope and healing to children, youth and families struggling with mental illness, abuse and neglect.” Our residential treatment center provides a supportive therapeutic environment for boys whose behavior precludes living at home or in the community.

Referrals and Intake Process

All residential treatment programs operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. CCH’s residential treatment center accepts all levels of referrals, from emergent to routine, and has the ability to complete medical triage for entering clients.

Referrals should be directed to the Intake Coordinator via email at intake@cchome.org or faxed to 216-416-4273. CCH will normally respond to placement requests within 24 hours. Emergency same day placement is possible for youth meeting program entrance criteria.

Barring the presence of any of the listed exclusionary factors, CCH will accept all referrals on a no eject/no reject basis: female, intellectual functioning below 70 FSIQ, actively psychotic, adjudicated youth that require community notification, and a current history of medical issues that require extensive medical care and interventions.

Cleveland Christian Home’s Story

Cleveland Christian Home (CCH) was founded in 1900 when Rev. Henry Timme, a pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), took in a family of children left on his doorstep. Word soon spread that Rev. Timme’s home was a safe haven for children, and other abandoned or orphaned children followed. Soon, Rev. Timme was running an orphanage from his home near Broadway & Aetna Avenues in Cleveland.

In 1905, the Home moved to the Bosworth farm on Lorain Avenue, and the orphanage expanded to care for 60 children. In 1924, with the help of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the farmhouse was replaced with a modern brick building, complete with recreation rooms and dormitories. This building, which still stands today on Lorain Avenue on Cleveland’s near west side, eventually cared for 100 orphans from babies to teenagers.

By the 1960’s, fewer children were orphaned, and Cleveland Christian Home found itself instead taking care of many children who had been the victims of abuse or neglect. To better care for these children, CCH transformed its orphanage on Lorain Avenue into a residential treatment center for abused and neglected children, which it remains today.

CCH has evolved into a secular non-profit organization that specializes in the treatment of difficult and at-risk children and adolescents, and their families. Residential care is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year at our Residential Treatment Program at 11401 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland.

This three-story 21,000 square foot facility has a maximum bed capacity of 54; every youth in residential treatment has a private bedroom. The facility also has an outdoor swimming pool, a free-standing school building with multiple classrooms, operated and staffed by the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, a multi-purpose building that serves as a gymnasium, outdoor recreation areas, including multiple basketball courts and a Media Arts Room with library, Wii consoles, large-screen projection TV for movies and sporting events.
Needs Assessment

Within 30 days of placement, an Individual Service Plan (ISP) is developed following the completion of a mental health assessment. The ISP identifies treatment goals and objectives and outlines all of the services including clinical treatment, educational, medical, and mental health services. ISP’s are reviewed on a quarterly basis to monitor progress towards goals and eventual discharge.

Life in the Residential Center

Every effort is made to make the residential treatment facility as home-like and as comfortable as possible. Each resident has his own room in a unit with up to nine other boys.

Staff provide 24 hour direct supervision helping the boys work on their treatment goals and accompanying them to school, meals, therapy and outside appointments.

School

CCH offers a complete on-grounds school designed to serve the individual educational needs of those in residential treatment. The school is operated by and under the jurisdiction of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

We have five full-time CMSD teachers who are trained in special education and behavioral management. Individual tutoring is available for children with more intensive special needs, and support staff are assigned to all classrooms.

The CCH school maintains in contact with the residents’ home schools and all credits are promptly transferred at discharge.

An Emphasis on Family

At Cleveland Christian Home we recognize that children have a universal need to belong to families. Our programs support the inherent capacity of families to provide the foundation upon which children develop the ability to lead healthy, productive, and satisfying lives.

To that end, discharge planning begins at intake with all efforts being made for a swift reunification. An emphasis is placed on family participation through case planning and reviews, counseling, and visitation.

Health Care Services

CCH provides many medical services on site. Our certified laboratory provides routine lab work including, but not limited to: drug testing, medication monitoring, and metabolic screenings.

The medical team, which includes a child psychiatrist, pediatrician, dietitian, and nurses, ensures that residential youth are provided health-related services at the appropriate time and frequency. Nursing coverage is available on-grounds 365 days per year.

Recreation

All of the youth have opportunities for recreation and relaxation in CCH’s gymnasium, swimming pool and media arts room.

The Media Arts room offers a library, Wii consoles, a large screen projection television, and tablet computers.

Staff and children also look forward to our annual camping trip. It is designed to afford our residents the opportunity to escape from the demanding structure of their daily routines in residential treatment and create lasting lifetime memories.

The camp experience includes the Ropes Course, the Big Swing, swimming, fishing and canoeing and helps our children:

- Explore nature
- Build character and self esteem
- Build relationships and team work
- Discover potential
- Reduces inhibitions
- Break down barriers by challenging them to travel beyond their comfort zone