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The Appalachian Children's Home is a residential treatment facility located in Knox County, Barbourville, KY. The Home is nationally and internationally accredited by the Council on Quality in Leadership and is currently licensed to house and provide treatment for 55 male and female youth, 10 to 18 years old that are committed to DCBS.

Our facility sits on a 158 acre campus with a gym, a fishing pond, basketball courts, weight room, and a horse corral. Our female residents reside in a cottage like environment and male dormitories have recently been decorated with mural artwork creating a pleasant atmosphere.

Several types of services are offered to the children that are placed with us. Intense individual and group counseling, substance abuse counseling, Prime for Life educational substance abuse program, sexual abuse treatment for victims and offenders, treatment for children with sexualized behaviors, and family counseling are offered on campus by certified and highly trained professionals. Our clinical staff is composed of three full time individual counselors, with two of them being at a master's level and one LPCC, a full time CADAC, a certified Prime for Life instructor, and two masters' level part time counselors holding several certifications to work with children experiencing a variety of issues mentioned above.

In addition, the children placed with us have the opportunity to participate in special activities as approved by their guardians. Among these are music, guitar, and piano lessons, horseback riding classes with a certified CHA (Certified Horsemanship Association) instructor, water skiing, cooking classes, art/drawing classes, venture troop, and more.

In addition to our Residential Program we also hold an Emergency Shelter License. Our residential program lasts approximately eight months depending on the needs of each individual. Our residents are expected to advance the four phase system. We utilize a strength-based approach with our residents and work diligently with parents and prospective guardians in order to achieve successful permanency. We use a collaborative approach in our treatment where family, social workers, and all treatment providers are encouraged to participate. We provide progress notes to social workers and conduct monthly treatment team meetings. In order to accommodate social workers' schedule, we can facilitate these meetings via conference calls. Our counselors and case managers are available to any family member or treatment provider to discuss treatment progress and needs on a daily basis.

We offer independent living classes on our campus with a state Independent Living Coordinator. We have developed a curriculum for Scrapbooking classes in which the children develop their Life Books.

Through a collaborative effort with the Knox County Public School System in 2004, we have established a public school on our campus. The Knox Appalachian School has five certified teachers and a title one coordinator. It offers special education services by a certified P-12 special education teacher (Masters in Special Education and Rank 1 in Educational Leadership). The school is one of the most technologically advanced schools in the area. The students are encouraged to take advantage of the self-paced program that the school utilizes, which gives them the opportunity to recuperate missed credits from previous schools. Also, the low student to teacher ratio allows the students to enhance their academic performance and achieve their individual learning goals. Our direct care staff are present in the school during hours of operation to assist with the residents' supervision and be available for behavioral interventions.

The Knox Appalachian School has recently implemented the Read 180 Program and is in the process of implementing the Systems 44. Both state of the art programs are designed for recovery reading. They are proven to be effective in assisting students with improving their reading levels in a rather short period of time as compared to regular classroom instruction and special education services. GED classes are also offered in a partnership with the Knox County Learning Academy. Our facility provides transportation and supervision for GED classes and conducts a study hall after school hours.

Our facility utilizes several community resources in order to provide additional services (i.e. parenting classes) and medical care for our residents. Our counselors and therapists accompany the residents to psychiatric appointments and discuss their treatment with the doctors. An internal medicine physician visits our campus on a bi-weekly basis minimum, and is permanently on call should any emergency arise. We have an extension of the local health department stationed on our campus which provides a part time nurse exclusively for our residents. We offer transportation to and from medical appointments, courts, and, in special cases, to home visits.

At the Appalachian Children's Home, we make our best effort to work collaboratively, using a treatment team approach between the resident, case managers, counselors, direct care staff, educational providers, family and other service providers to identify and treat issues using our variety of services and innovative interventions. Our staff is committed to striving for excellence in order to provide the best care possible for our youth. We use a strength based approach to focus on developing residents' personal strengths and talents as they progress through the phases of our program. It is our mission to provide each youth with a secure, stable living situation in a moral, ethical, Christian, family-like environment.