

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES



Pierceton Woods Academy

Sexual Health and Relapse Prevention (SHARP)

Lifeline's Sex Offender and Relapse Prevention Program (SHARP) works with male youth with sexually harmful behaviors. This 5-stage program is designed to provide treatment for youth ages 10 – 21 and relapse prevention treatment for youth who have completed initial offender treatment and are ready to prepare for the next step of their life.

Alternative School

Pierceton Woods Academy operates an on-campus, year-round school that provides a complete academic program. Residents receive a combination of self-paced online curriculum and experiential learning taught by licensed teachers and specialized instructors. This allows residents an opportunity to recover lost credits and earn a Core 40 diploma or GED. We are a Freeway Accredited School through the Indiana Department of Education.

Independent Living | Phase I

Lifeline's Boys' Independent Living program is available for males ages 15 to 21 who are in need of a structured environment to help them move quickly toward independence. Residents work intensely on building a foundation of independence by learning and practicing independent living skills, social skills, and employment skills.

Spencer Home

Independent Living | Phase II

Lifeline's Spencer Home – located in Fort Wayne, Indiana – is a place where youth who are approaching emancipation have a safe, structured environment to practice independent living skills, obtain employment in the community and position themselves for future success. This is the second phase of our Independent Living Program. Phase 2 provides apartment-style living for residents who are ready to test their independent living skills in a less restrictive environment.

WHO?

Lifeline's residential campus, Pierceton Woods Academy, provides programs for boys ages 10 to 21 who have been removed from their homes and placed with Lifeline through agencies such as the Department of Corrections, Department of Child Services, or Probation.

WHAT?

On-site facilities include an alternative school, counseling center, dorms, cafeteria, indoor and outdoor ropes courses, gymnasium, athletic fields, and a chapel. The campus also provides a vocational program that includes wood working, mechanics, and horticulture to teach work ethic, confidence, and leadership that can change the course of these young men's lives.

WHERE?

Nestled between South Bend and Fort Wayne, the 94-acre campus rests in a peaceful, wooded setting.

Our Mission

For more than 50 years, Lifeline has been strengthening children and families who have been impacted by abuse, neglect, and delinquency – arguably the most vulnerable in our community. It all began with a single group home for kids and has since grown into an organization serving over 10,000 children and families each year. Together we’re “changing hearts and bringing hope to a generation at risk.”



Our Approach

In most cases, we are literally working with families right in their own homes, bringing them the tools and education they need to strengthen their family and environment. In other situations, a child may need a place to stay – either for their own protection or to address the issues facing them. Whatever the need, Lifeline offers a full continuum of care to help families grow stronger and achieve their goals.



Our Results

We’re having a positive, proven impact on the lives of those we serve. We’re successful in keeping 82% of the families we work with together. Even in our most severe situations – where children have had to be removed from their homes either for their safety or their family’s – 74% have been able to achieve at least half of their individual treatment goals.

But that’s not the end of the story. We’re investing in the future. Many of the youth we work with are on a path leading to long-term dependency on the social welfare system. Our programs offer an effective alternative. We’re instilling in children and families the responsibility and tools to make healthy choices for a lifetime. When we make a difference, the whole community benefits as a result.

