



Our Mission

For nearly 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 the tools and education necessary to strengthen that family into the very environment they live. In other situations, a child may need a place to stay—either for their own protection or so that they can have the concentrated attention they need to address the issues facing them. Whatever the need, Lifeline offers a full continuum of care to help kids and 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 in our home-based services program together. Families that had been referred to us because the early warning signs of abuse, neglect, and delinquency were apparent—many of whom were considered high-risk. 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% of these children have been able to achieve at least half of their individual treatments goals.

But that's not the end of the story. We're not only investing in *today*, but we're investing in the *future*. Many of the youth we are being asked to work with are on a path of 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, not just for a time, but for a lifetime. When we make a difference, the whole community benefits as a result.

LIFELINE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Lifeline's residential campus, Pierceton Woods Academy, is a place where boys ages 10 to 21 can have a safe, structured environment to learn academic and life lessons to position them for future success. Nestled between South Bend and Fort Wayne, the 52-acre campus rests in a peaceful, wooded setting. On-site facilities include an alternative school, counseling center, dorms, cafeteria, indoor and outdoor ropes courses, gymnasium and athletic fields.

Sex Offender & Relapse Prevention Program (SORP)

Lifeline's Sex Offender and Relapse Prevention Program (SORP) works with male youth with Sexually Maladaptive Behaviors. This 5-stage program is designed to provide:

- Sex offender treatments for youth who have not previously completed initial offender treatment (Stage 1-3);
- Relapse prevention treatment for youth who have completed initial offender treatment and are ready to prepare for the next step of their life (Stages 4-5).

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. They also experience daily interactions with positive peer leaders and trained, professional staff.

Alternative School

Pierceton Woods Academy operates an on-campus, year-round, accredited school that provides a complete academic program. Residents receive a combination of self-paced on-line curriculum with character development and experiential learning taught by licensed teachers and specialized instructors. This individualized educational process allows residents who are struggling in school to receive specific instruction to recover lost credits and earn a high school diploma or GED. We are a Freeway Accredited School through the Indiana Department of Education.

Independent Living - Phase II

Lifeline's Spencer Home—located in Fort Wayne, Indiana—is a place where youth approaching emancipation have a safe, structured environment to practice independent living skills, positioning them for future success. This is the second phase of our three-phased Independent Living Program. Phase II provides apartment-style living for residents who are ready to test their independent living skills in a less restrictive environment.

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