

PROVEN RESULTS:

Methodist Home for Children and the Department of Public Safety partner to significantly reduce crimes committed by teens on path to Youth Development Centers.



MHC successfully interrupts lifetime criminal behavior for juvenile offenders.

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THE EVIDENCE: RTI Study

Research Triangle Institute tracked 516 “Level II” juvenile repeat offenders, half of whom were referred to MHC multipurpose homes by the NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (now NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice).

MHC admitted the highest-risk Level II youth in the system — youth with more serious juvenile or criminal offenses than the general Level II population. About 9 in 10 had mental health needs and nearly 1 in 3 had a history of victimization (abuse or neglect).

After discharge, RTI reported, MHC youth had significantly better outcomes than the comparison group:

- MHC youth with the highest risk and needs levels showed the greatest reduction in recidivism, with a rate of 55.7% compared to 72% (among high-risk youth).
- MHC youth charged with a person crime showed a 37% reduction over the comparison group.
- MHC youth convicted of a person crime showed a near 50% reduction over the comparison group.
- MHC youth showed statistically significant improvement in all six behaviors shown to predict future success: decision making, honesty, goals, personal development, positive self-image and empathy.

OUR INVESTMENT: For a Lifetime

MHC provides a continuum of care for juvenile offenders on path to a Youth Development Center. Its copyrighted model of care (Values Based Therapeutic Environment) is used in MHC multipurpose homes and in all NC Youth Development Centers.

Staff provide residential community-based intervention and continuing care after discharge — at a significantly lower cost than the Youth Development Center alternative:

- MHC multipurpose home is \$28,287 per youth
- Youth Development Center is \$126,481 per youth

The results of diverting teens from Youth Development Centers are:

- reduced cost of intervention.
- reduced incidence of crime.
- reduced social and financial costs associated with crime.

MHC has a lifetime commitment to all young people it serves, including youth at multipurpose homes. Follow-up care and funding for higher education opportunities are part of that commitment.

The best results with the most challenging juvenile offenders

Methodist Home for Children & NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice

Multipurpose Homes

An “effective and cost efficient alternative”
with “extremely positive” recidivism results

— 2014-15 Evaluation by the Department of Public Safety,
Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice

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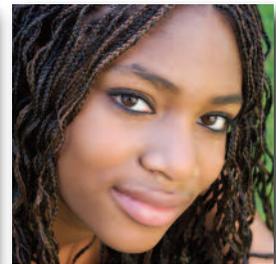
MHC’s multipurpose home care provides:

- **successful public-private partnership**
- **cost-effective care**
- **community-based intervention**
- **community reintegration**
- **evidence-based treatment**
- **low recidivism rates**
- **value-added services**
 - Lifetime continuing education scholarships
 - Priority access to MHC continuum of care

The evidence speaks for itself.

When youth leave our program:

- **85%** — perform at academic grade level, up from 45% at admission
- **80%** — accept authority, up from 45% at admission
- **89%** — show substance-free behavior, up from 47% at admission
- **85%** — demonstrate age-appropriate social behavior, up from 67% at admission
- **55%** — show strong decision-making skills, up from 13% at admission



cost-effective, compassionate, community-based care