

BOYS TOWN

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our mission

Changing the way America cares
for children and families.



➔ Boys Town programs help ensure that children receive the right care, at the right time, in the right way.

ABOUT BOYS TOWN



Boys Town youth, family, community and health care programs touch the lives of more than 2 million people across the country annually.

More than 100 years strong, Boys Town takes a leadership role in advocating for change and reform in the current youth and family care system, **and in applied research that can produce improved practices and outcomes** for children.

Boys Town is one of the largest nonprofit child and family care organizations in the United States.

Each year, Boys Town provides direct services to more than 75,000 children nationwide through its youth care and health care programs.



RESIDENTIAL CARE

WHAT TO EXPECT IN A FAMILY HOME

Our highly trained Family-Teachers® are responsible for the daily care and teaching of the youth. Each home also has an Assistant Family-Teacher®, who works in the home with the Family-Teaching Couple. With this arrangement, there is always at least one staff member in the home for every four youth.

Six to eight boys or girls live in each Family Home. Every day, each youth has numerous opportunities to learn social, independent-living and academic skills through daily activities and family-related experiences.

Families eat meals together, do daily chores and go on outings. They also enjoy a summer vacation at Boys Town's camp on Lake Okoboji in north-central Iowa, where Family-Teachers continue their teaching and make this family activity part of each youth's therapeutic care.

Youth and their Family-Teachers gather every day for a Family Meeting. At these meetings, youth discuss important issues, learn how to solve problems involving the home and family, give feedback to one another, build healthy family relationships, and develop and practice skills that help them make good decisions.

The length of stay in our Family Home Program can vary, depending on a youth's progress and needs. Our Child and Family Translational Research Center® has found that kids do best in our residential program when they complete an optimal length of stay of 12 to 18 months. We advocate for what is best for each youth, which may mean suggesting that a child to stay in the program for the optimal length of time.

24-
HOUR
Supervision

12^{to} 18
MONTHS
recommended
length of stay


8:1
8 boys or girls
per Family Home





FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

One of the keys to youth success at Boys Town is living in a family atmosphere where kids are safe, valued and respected. This is what boys and girls find when they are welcomed into one of our Boys Town Family Homes.



**KIDS ARE
SAFE, VALUED
AND RESPECTED.**



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

OPEN COMMUNICATION IS VITAL.

While living in a Family Home with their Family-Teachers®, children become members of the Boys Town “family.” But they don’t lose their own family.

As a parent or legal guardian, you know your youth best. Your input and participation plays a huge role in improving his or her outcomes. Your child’s Family-Teachers will work with you to develop a plan that lays out the best course of action to help the child. He or she will have opportunities to talk to you by phone during the week, and on birthdays, holidays and other special occasions. Parents are welcome to contact their child’s Family Home at any time.

Besides helping youth get their lives back on track, Family-Teachers and others in the Family Home Program strive to prepare youth and their families for reunification. **Boys Town offers parenting classes, in-home family counseling and other resources to strengthen families** and make a youth’s transition home smoother and successful.



Boys Town has been helping  children and families
for **100 YEARS.**
over





PREPARING FOR REUNIFICATION

The goal of our program is always to get youth home when the time is right.



**MAINTAINING
FAMILY
INVOLVEMENT
IS CRITICAL TO A
CHILD'S SUCCESS.**

It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child. For teens and parents looking for life-changing help, that village is Boys Town.



RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

KIDS THAT COMPLETE OUR PROGRAM ARE SUCCEEDING.

Our research shows that the Boys Town Family Home ProgramSM gives children their best chance to build bright, productive futures. Years after completing services, Boys Town youth – even those with the most severe problems – achieve success as adults.

If you're interested in learning more about our research, please visit boystown.org/research.



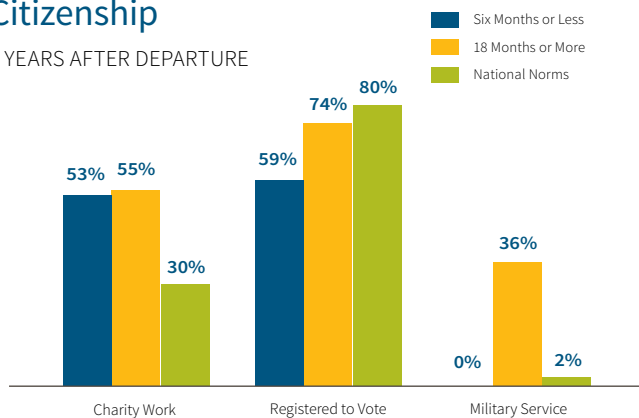


FAMILY HOME PROGRAM

Our research shows that years after leaving our Family Home Program, Boys Town youth grow into adults who are nearly identical to the general population in key success factors such as positive mental health, employment and relationships. (See below.)

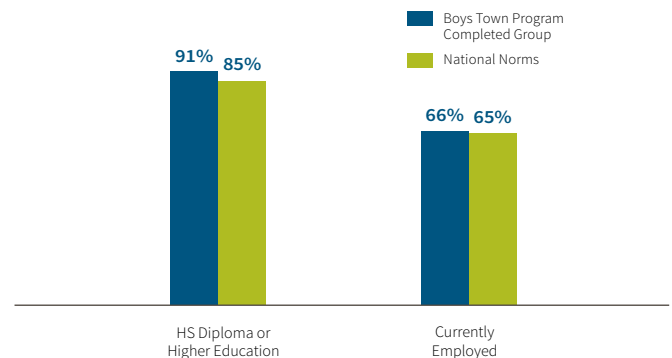
Citizenship

5 YEARS AFTER DEPARTURE



Education and Employment

5 YEARS AFTER DEPARTURE



Both groups that received care (six months or less; 18 months or more) **exceeded the national norms** in the area of charity work. The 18-months-or-more group exceeded the national norms in the area of military service, and was similar to the national norms in the area of voter registration.

At admission to Boys Town, **53% of youth** are not regularly attending school and **85% of youth** are having school difficulties (attendance, behavior, learning/academic).



➤ Located on over 640 acres, the Village of Boys Town is one of the largest residential care communities for children in the country.

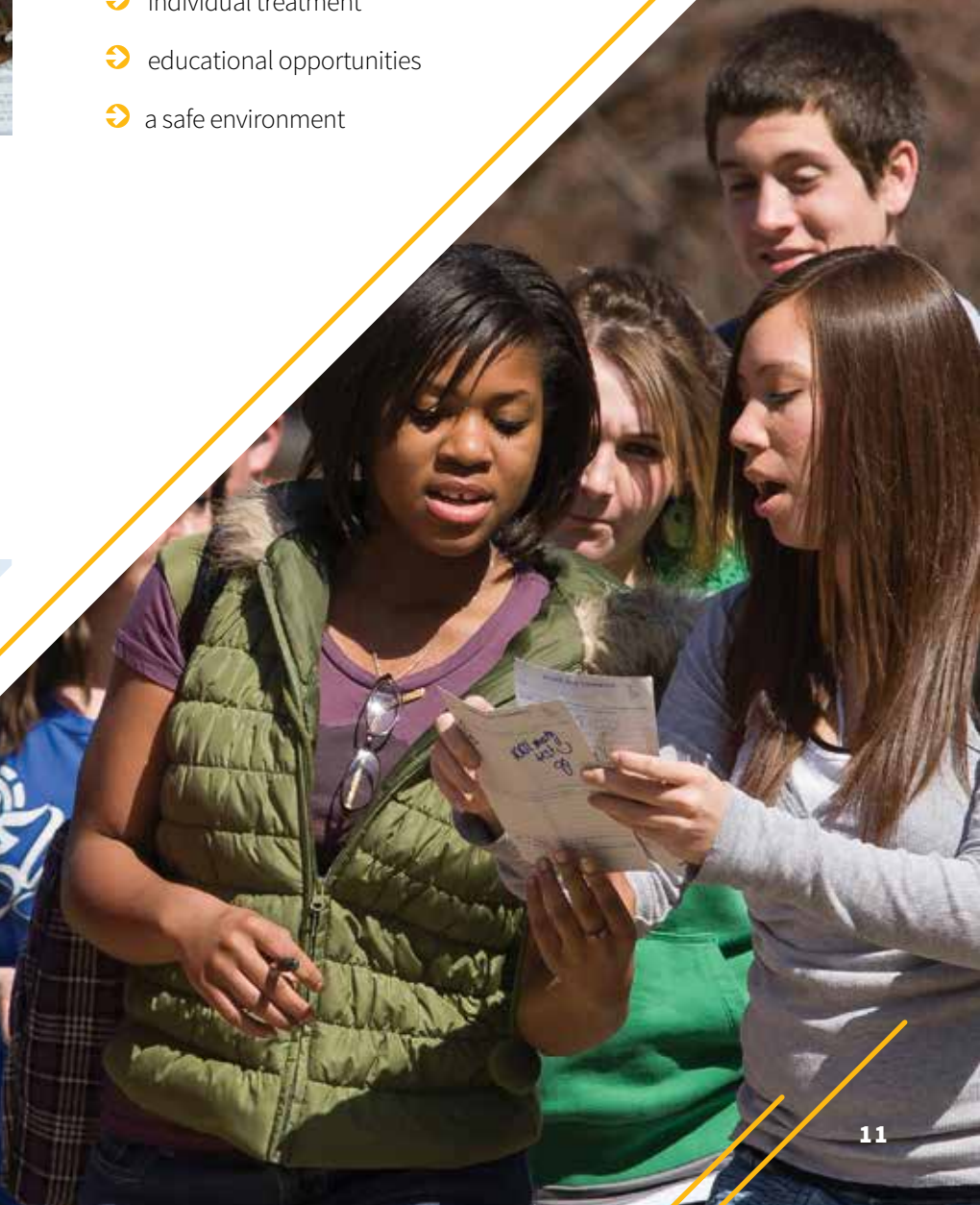
STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Once students join our campus, it is every adult's mission to work with them to help them fulfill their greatest potential, academically, socially and developmentally. From dinner in their Family Home to Friday night's basketball game, our goal is to provide:

- individual treatment
- educational opportunities
- a safe environment

We pride ourselves on maintaining a community whose sole focus is on helping youth thrive while at Boys Town.



BOYS TOWN CAMPUS AMENITIES

Police Department

Fire and Rescue Department

State-Approved Schools

Churches
(one Catholic and one Protestant)

Palrang Memorial Field House

Boys Town National Research
Hospital® and Medical Clinics

U.S. Post Office

Career Readiness Center

Boys Town Lake

At Boys Town, boys and girls enjoy numerous opportunities to just be kids.

THE VILLAGE OF BOYS TOWN


NAMED A “100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR KIDS”

The Village of Boys Town, located in the Midwest on the west edge of Omaha, Nebraska, is one of the largest residential care communities in the country. The small-town charm of Boys Town provides a welcoming, healing environment for children and gives them a unique sense of belonging and identity.

Children attend year-round school and participate in recreational activities, school sports and a variety of other extracurricular activities. And just like any other town, Boys Town offers many amenities right on campus.

**OVER
400**
youth on
campus

60
Family Homes
with 6-8 youth



**FOUNDED IN
1917**





A HEALING TOWN FOR CHILDREN

Youth have the opportunity to be a Boys Town Cowboy!



ACADEMICS

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

At Boys Town, children attend year-round academic classes at two state-accredited schools. Younger kids (grades 4 through 8) go to Wegner Middle School, while older students attend classes at Boys Town High School. Children who leave Boys Town before high school graduation can transfer the academic credits they have earned to their community high school.

Boys Town High School is proud to offer many AP classes in numerous subjects that our students can take advantage of, as well as many courses that help students prepare for a career.

All of our teachers are certified by the State of Nebraska. Boys Town's year-round school program offers a traditional academic curriculum that focuses on helping students – especially those who are behind in their schoolwork – find success in the classroom and get back on track so they can graduate.



EIGHT-PERIOD DAY

Academics, social skills and employability skills are emphasized



12:1
youth to teacher


97%

of our youth have graduated or are continuing their education

3 months after they leave





ACADEMIC EVALUATION

All children receive an academic evaluation when they come to Boys Town to help assess their current educational level and learning needs. Academic testing includes **math, reading, spelling, language and writing.**



RECEIVING A
GOOD EDUCATION
IS KEY TO
CONTRIBUTING
TO SOCIETY.

TRADE PROGRAMS OFFERED

Communications and Media Sciences

Construction

Health Occupations

Small Engines

Welding

Graphic Design

Culinary Arts

Auto Mechanics

Teaching trades to our students gives them a sense of purpose and fulfillment.

CAREER READINESS

THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN SKILLED TRADES

Teaching youth skills that will help them find a job and thrive as adults after they leave our residential program is nothing new for Boys Town. Throughout our over 100-year history, we have prided ourselves on preparing our students to make their mark in the real world as productive, hard-working citizens.

At the Career Readiness Center, students can find their passion, learn specific workplace skills and build connections with potential employers and mentors while completing their required academic courses for graduation.



From the 100 students in Boys Town's 2018 high school graduation class.





THE CLASSROOM

At Boys Town, students are better prepared for their future careers because they have access to some of the best instructors and technology.



SPORTS

THE BOYS TOWN COWBOYS HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE TRUE CHAMPIONS.

Located in the center of Boys Town's campus, the beautiful 138,000-square-foot **Palrang Memorial Field House** features a newly renovated indoor track and basketball facility, a weight room, a rock climbing wall, an Olympic-size swimming pool and a full gymnasium. This is also where Boys Town's girls' and boys' indoor sports teams (basketball, volleyball, wrestling) play their home games and host meets against other schools from across the state of Nebraska.

The Boys Town Cowboys have what it takes to be true champions. **Our student-athletes show dedication, sportsmanship, discipline and respect** for their coaches, their opponents, the officials, the rules of the game and each other, both on and off the field. All Boys Town teams play against other Nebraska school teams.



Class C1
Nebraska
sports



OVER
16
Extracurricular
activity options





COMPETING WITH CHARACTER

More important than the hundreds of championship trophies won at Boys Town is the idea that our student-athletes treat their opponents and each other with respect.



**OUR GOAL IS TO
BETTER PREPARE
YOUTH TO MAKE
POSITIVE CHOICES
AFTER THEY LEAVE
BOYS TOWN.**



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