



Sexual Offender Programs

Oaklawn offers a unique treatment program for adolescents who are adjudicated sex offenders, providing psychiatric care and other mental health services to seriously troubled adolescents and their families. Special attention is given to the family unit as well as to the social, physical, spiritual, and psychological growth of the adolescent.

About the programs

Oaklawn's sexual offender programs provide comprehensive residential treatment for youth with a history of sexual offenses and severe psychiatric emotional and/or behavioral issues. Two separate treatment programs are offered for adolescent and young adolescent male offenders.

The sexual offender programs address the needs of sexually offending adolescents through structure; supervision; individual, group and family therapy; case management; recreation therapy; milieu therapy; and medication management. Sex offense specific therapy focuses on relapse prevention. This includes, but is not limited to, addressing thinking errors, protection plans, empathy, cycle of abuse, and deviant urges. Therapy also addresses social skills development, anger management, substance abuse, criminal thinking, and community reintegration. An assessment and evaluation process helps determine the treatment goals for each adolescent. Average length of stay is between six and nine months.

Education services are provided by Goshen Community Schools. School teachers are involved in weekly treatment planning as well as discharge planning for each youth.

Admission criteria

Criteria for admission to the sexual offender program includes:

- history of sexual offending
- age 13-18 years for the adolescent program and 10-14 for the young adolescent program

- exhibiting unmanageable behaviors, including violence or other sexual behavior problems,
- danger to self or others if in a less structured setting
- IQ of at least 70
- needing more active involvement with family
- family willing to participate in program

In addition, many adolescents in this program also fall into the following categories:

- victims of physical or sexual abuse or neglect
- multiple failed placements
- unsuccessful in traditional school settings

Referral process

Referrals for admission to the sexual offender programs will be accepted from case workers, probation officers, parents or guardians. For information on referral or fees, please call Oaklawn's residential division support specialist at (574) 537-2755.



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