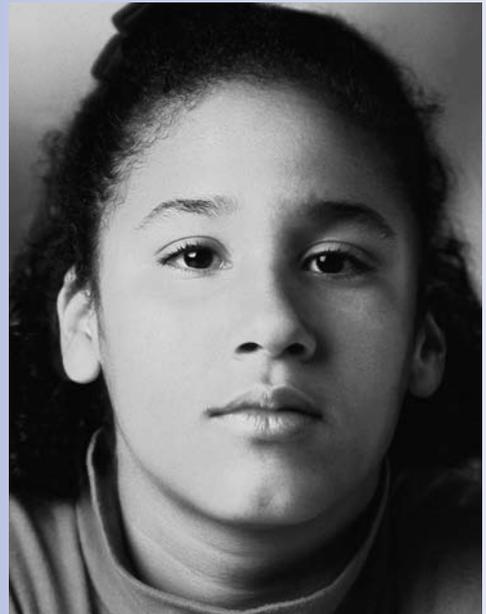


EMERGENCY  
GROUP HOMES  
FOR ADOLESCENTS



**Shelter, Inc.**

## Shelter's Services

### **Emergency, Traditional and Home-of-Relative Foster Care**

Foster care for children from birth through age 17.

### **Boys Group Home, Palatine**

The only emergency group home for boys ages 11 through 17 in the Northwest Suburbs.

### **Jennings Group Home for Girls, Schaumburg**

Emergency housing for girls ages 11 through 17.

### **Older Adolescent Group Home, Arlington Heights**

The only group home for 16- and 17-year-old boys in the Northwest Suburbs focusing on independent living skills.

### **Healthy Families Program**

Home visitation and parenting education program for first-time parents. The only Healthy Families program in the Northwest Suburbs.

### **Community Education**

Public awareness concerning child abuse, neglect, and other social problems directly impacting children and their families.

**P**rior to Shelter's establishment in 1975, abused, neglected and dependent children and adolescents from the Northwest Suburbs who needed emergency housing were removed from their communities, schools, and friends. Through Shelter's services, these children and adolescents are now cared for in a community setting and attend their own schools whenever possible. Thus, the trauma of separation from family during a crisis is lessened when the child or adolescent remains close to familiar surroundings.

Shelter's **Boys Group Home** and **Jennings Group Home for Girls** provide emergency housing for boys and girls ages 11 through 17 who live in the Northwest Suburbs. The homes provide a cooling-off period for families who are experiencing parent-child conflicts, or for adolescents running away from home situations involving abuse, mental illness, substance abuse, or domestic violence.

## Emergency Group Home Services

The group homes contribute toward an adolescent's stability by providing care in familiar surroundings—close to schools, friends, teachers and counselors. Also, the group home programs help adolescents accept responsibility and build self-esteem. Additional services include:

- 24-hour availability of emergency housing services, every day of the year
- Safe and stable environment
- Professional staff
- Health screening for each adolescent by Shelter's nursing consultant
- Transportation to the adolescent's own school whenever possible
- Physical examinations for each adolescent
- Assistance with basic personal needs
- Individual, group and family counseling at each group home facility
- Life-skills training
- Reunification of adolescents with their families whenever possible
- Follow-up services thirty days after placement has ended

## Referral and Placement

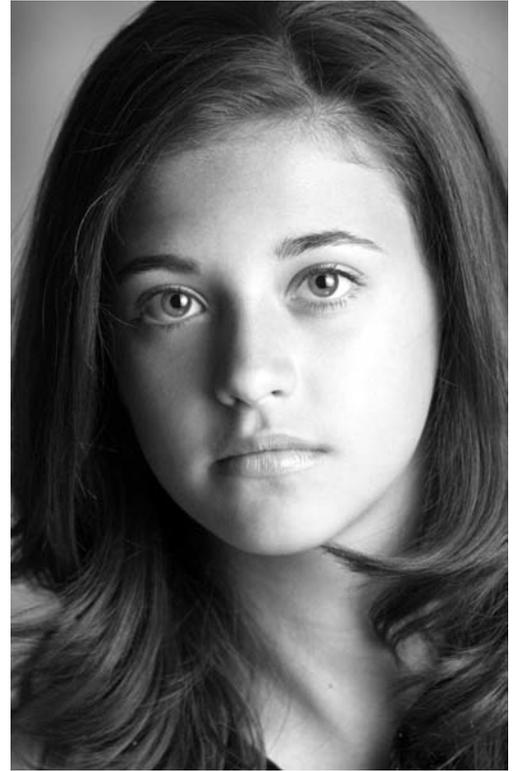
Referrals to Shelter's emergency group homes are made by:

- Social service agencies
- School or medical personnel
- Police departments
- Parents
- Clergy
- Concerned citizens

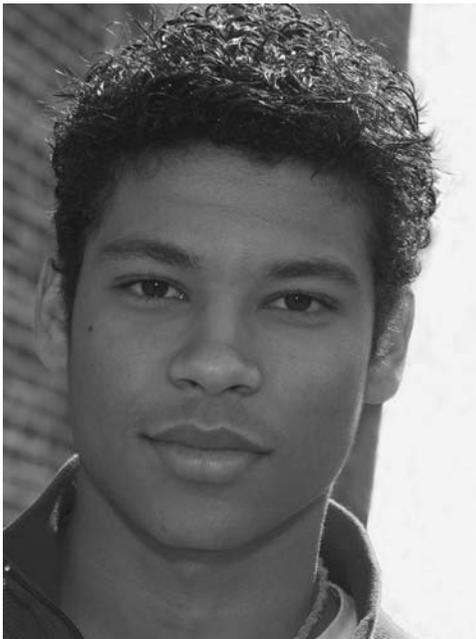
Emergency placements are provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Intake interviews and placements are available at the time of request.

Adolescents receive emergency housing services with parental consent or with other legal permission. Adolescents must also be willing to sign themselves into placement.

The length of stay in Shelter's emergency group homes is short-term and determined by the needs of the adolescent.



***For more information about Shelter's emergency group homes,  
please call 847.255.8060.***



Shelter is:

- accredited by the Council on Accreditation
- licensed by the State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
- governed by a board of directors

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## Shelter's Mission

Helping and protecting children who are abused, neglected, dependent or in need of supervision. We do this by:

- Providing 24-hour emergency and longer-term care
- Creating community awareness and education to prevent such abuse and neglect
- Promoting healthy families to reduce child abuse and neglect

**For emergency housing for children and adolescents  
24 hours a day, 365 days a year, please call:  
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Community Partner



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