About Children's Bureau, Inc.

Children's Bureau is a social service organization that provides prevention and intervention services to at-risk children and families. Founded in 1851, Children's Bureau, Inc. is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 child and family services agency licensed by the State of Indiana.

Our Mission
Preserving families and protecting the future of Indiana's children.

Our Vision
To develop a healthy family for every child.

Accreditations
Council on Accreditation of Services for Families & Children (COA)

Licensed
Indiana Department of Child Services

Affiliations
- United Way of Central Indiana (Charter Member)
- United Way of Johnson County
- United Way of Madison County
- Indiana Youth Services Association
- IARCA: Indiana Association of Resources & Child Advocacy

Children's Bureau, Inc. meets the Better Business Bureau's Charity Wise Standards for Accountability.

All services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.

Older Youth Services

Children's Bureau is the sole provider of Older Youth Services in accordance with the Older Youth Services Service Standards in Area 5 and Area 6 (Region 7, 10, 11, and 12).
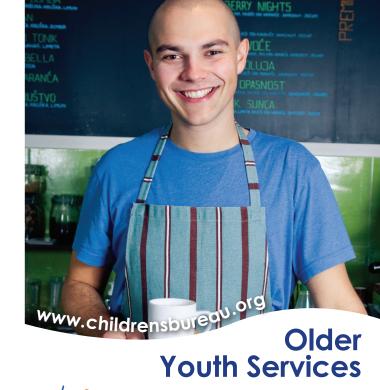
Counties served by regions are as follows:
- Region 7 — Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Jay and Randolph counties
- Region 10 — Marion County
- Region 11 — Hamilton, Hancock, Madison and Tipton counties
- Region 12 — Fayette, Franklin, Henry, Rush, Union and Wayne counties

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About Older Youth Services

Children's Bureau prepares young people for self-reliance by:
- helping them build social capital and relational permanency.
- supporting and establishing independence and interdependence.
- providing resources for each of their current and future needs.

We work with youth who are in Collaborative Care, foster youth in Chafee Independent Living Services, and former foster youth in Chafee Voluntary Independent Living Services.

Collaborative Care

Collaborative Care is a voluntary program that focuses on youth-adult partnerships and encourages young people to develop a strong social network. It allows them to remain under the care and placement of DCS in order to continue to receive services.

Collaborative Care also allows youth who were formerly in foster care to return to DCS care. In order to re-enter, a youth must have been in foster care during the month prior to turning 18 or have turned 18 while in foster care.

Collaborative Care assists with a variety of independent living settings (i.e., host home, college dorm, shared housing or apartment) and can assist with rent, utilities, food, clothing and networking.

Who's Eligible:
- DCS youth aged 17.5 years and older
- Probation youth 18 years and older
- Youths must meet one of the following:
  - in an education program
  - employed
  - in a program that removes barriers to employment
  - unable to meet these requirements due to a medical condition

Chafee Independent Living Services

The Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP) helps young people to gain the skills required to live healthy, productive, responsible lives as self-sufficient adults. These independent living services consist of a series of developmental activities and resource education.

Who's Eligible:
Youths must be referred by their supervising worker. Eligibility for services is determined by the youth's age and current placement.

Chafee Voluntary Independent Living Services

These services are reserved for youth who are no longer wards and who meet eligibility requirements. Services range from individual case management to emancipation goods and services or room and board funds.

Who's Eligible:
Candidates can be referred by a provider or placing agency or they can contact us to make a self-referral. The Department of Child Services determines eligibility upon request.