

Continuum of Care



ACH child and family services
protecting children. preserving families. since 1915.

We're here to help!

Crisis Intervention

When a crisis strikes, every minute counts.

- Our 24/7 hotline is staffed by skilled, bilingual professionals who determine the best course of action through ACH or through a referral to other community services. Last year, our **Assessment, Intervention and Referral Services (AIRS)** answered 2,769 calls.
- For youth feeling unsafe or threatened, help is as close as the nearest of more than 250 **Safe Place sites**, including all area QuikTrip locations. With one call, fast help will be coming from ACH.
- Our **Youth Emergency Shelter** offers 24/7 safety and care to youth ages 10-17 who are runaways, homeless or experiencing or at risk of sexual exploitation and/or trafficking. ACH works to quickly reunite them with their families or find alternative living arrangements.
- The **Turning Point** program is an innovative crisis stabilization and respite program delivered in a home-like setting for youth in foster care ages 10-17. Located at our Wedgwood Campus, Turning Point acts as a caring alternative to what can be more traumatizing hospitalizations.
- The **Secure Assessment Facility** serves youth in the child welfare or mental health systems who find themselves in a crisis or in a transition between placements. It provides a safe and secure setting for ages 5-17 who may have a history of complex trauma. Staff can quickly stabilize crisis situations and offer the assessment and treatment needed to secure longer term placement.

Foster Care and Adoption

Providing safe, caring and love-filled homes for children.

- When children can't live with their biological families due to abuse and neglect, ACH **Foster Care** services seek other caring adults who open their homes and hearts to children needing a safe, family environment. **Treatment Foster Care** is designed to give children with special needs or emotional/behavioral issues the level of care they need.
- **Kinship Connections** is a voluntary program which offers support to families who are caring for relative children with an array of services that may include support groups, parent education, in-home services, referrals, concrete services, and assistance to licensure or adoption.
- The goal of our foster care program is reunification, but when that is not possible ACH **Adoption** services matches children with a caring, forever-family who has been educated about their needs and embraces them into their family with a lifelong commitment.

Family Services

We are committed to always thinking family first.

- **Youth and Family Counseling and Skill-BUILDER Classes** deal with issues like anger management, bullying, reducing conflict and parenting wisely. Last year, these **Real Help for Real Life** programs provided 4,894 hours of counseling valued at \$1,500,000 — all free of charge.
- **Families Together** provides transitional housing for single mothers and their children who are experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence. At the same time, ACH helps them heal from their trauma and develop their independence.
- The **Kinship Navigator** program is specifically designed to increase awareness in our community of the value that kinship caregivers provide and the needs and barriers they face in caring for relative children. The program offers outreach, education, and support for these families. Our staff will work to provide meaningful engagement, help, and connection to resources that may be needed.

Residential Services

Providing a caring, stable and safe environment during healing.

- Our Wedgwood Residential Campus features six houses and a private park where youth can attend local schools while leaning to deal with their trauma. The **Wedgwood Transitional Living Program** is for 14-17 year-olds who are unable to live with their families. The program assists youth with family reunification and also develops life skills to support their transition to independent living.
- Youth aging out of foster care often find they're not yet prepared to succeed in life. The **LIFE Project** (Learning Independence from Experience) is a supervised independent living program that provides young adults 18-21 the opportunity to live and learn in a more self-directed environment that inspires the confidence and self-sufficiency youth need to live on their own.
- An innovative **Residential Treatment Center** puts some of the most vulnerable youth in the foster care system on an accelerated path to success. When these teens understand they are in a safe place with adults who can be trusted, our goal is to help heal their trauma within a year. We can then connect them to a support system before eventually living successfully in a family.

Community-Based Care

An improved approach to foster care

In 2014, ACH created the **Our Community Our Kids (OCOK)** division to pioneer an innovative, improved approach to foster care services in Texas. The improvements OCOK delivered in seven North Texas counties — including keeping abused and neglected children safe, quickly finding placements within their community and keeping siblings together more often — helped Community-Based Care (CBC) become state law in 2017. OCOK continues to lead the way as the first nationally accredited community-based care contractor in Texas to oversee conservatorship case management, helping to find the child a permanent home timely and safely.



Last year, ACH brought hope to more than 29,000 individuals.

**Our vision is to be a leading agency
in the communities we serve,**
so families thrive and children experience safety, hope and love.

Why We Do What We Do

Our community is counting on us.

5,506

children were abused or neglected in Tarrant County in 2022, the third highest number of confirmed cases of any county in Texas.



1 in 5

homeless persons is age 18 or under



25%

of youth who age out of the foster care system experience homelessness by age 22



51%

of girls who age out of the foster care system will be pregnant by age 19



only 3%

of youth who age out of the foster care system will complete college

With over a century of experience, ACH brings needed resources and skills to children and families struggling with life's challenges. Some of our programs keep children and families together while others provide a healing home for children who can't live with their families.



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ACH has been accredited by the Council of Accreditation every year since 2003; Our Community Our Kids since 2018.

Need Help?

We're here for you or someone you know.

Get Help Now

24/7 Hotline: 817.335.HOPE (4673)

Foster Care & Adoption

682.342.3700 or FosterAdopt@ACHservices.org

Find A Safe Place Location

817.566.1625 or Marissa.McKenzie@ACHservices.org

Find A Rewarding Career

817.886.7111 or Jobs@ACHservices.org or visit [HireMeACH.org](#).

How You Can Help

Your support can bring hope to those in need.

Donate To Bring Hope

Support a child or an entire family by donating today. Visit [ACHservices.org/donate](#).

Give To Create Joy

Hold a drive or donate in-kind items today. To find a current list of needed items, visit [ACHservices.org/in-kind-giving](#).

Volunteer To Give Love

We are always in need of volunteers to help spread the love to our clients. Volunteer today. Visit [ACHservices.org/volunteers](#).

FUNDING PARTNERS AND SERVICE AREAS Crisis Hotline Funding partner: Texas Prevention and Early Intervention. Service area: Tarrant County. Counseling and Skill-Builders **Classes** Funding partner: Texas Prevention and Early Intervention. Service area: Hill, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker and Tarrant counties. **Foster Care** Funding partner: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Service area: CPS Region 3 (Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Grayson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise counties). ACH also partners with Our Community Our Kids in Community-Based Care in Region 3b (Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell and Tarrant) to ensure the best possible placements are found for children who cannot reside with their biological families. **Adoption** Funding partner: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Service area: The service area for licensing families is CPS Region 3 (Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Grayson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise counties). However, children can be matched from anywhere within Texas with families approved by ACH. **Wedgwood Transitional Living** Funding partner: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Service area: Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell and Tarrant counties. **Behavioral Care** Funding partner: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Service area: CPS Region 3b (Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell and Tarrant Counties). **Therapeutic Respite** Summit Funding partner: Beacon Health Options. Service area: Tarrant County. **Turning Point** Funding partner: Cenpatco. Service area: CPS Region 3 (Collin, Cooke, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Fannin, Grayson, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise counties). **The LIFE Project** Funding partner: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Service area: CPS Region 3b (Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell and Tarrant counties) and the following Region 3 counties: Dallas, Denton, Ellis and Navarro. **Safe Place** Funding partners: QuikTrip, National Safe Place and Texas Prevention and Early Intervention. Service area: Tarrant County. **Youth Emergency Shelter** Funding partners: Emergency Food and Shelter Program; Tarrant County Community Development/U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Texas Department of Family and Protective Services; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families; United Way of Tarrant County. Service area: Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell and Tarrant counties. **Our Community Our Kids** Funding partner: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Service area: CPS Region 3b (Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell and Tarrant Counties).