

A Continuum of Care

We're here to help.



Crisis Intervention

When a crisis strikes, every minute counts.

Through a 24/7 hotline, our bilingual **Assessment, Intervention and Referral Services (AIRS)** team can determine the best course of action through ACH or through a referral to other community services.

Youth feeling unsafe or threatened can get help from ACH at any of more than 250 **Safe Place** locations throughout Tarrant County.

Our **Youth Emergency Shelter**, the only such shelter in Tarrant County, 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.

At our Wedgwood residential campus, the **Turning Point** program provides innovative, short-term intervention and stabilization for foster youth and their families to help prevent hospitalizations and placement disruptions.

Our **Secure Assessment Facility** is a safe and secure temporary program serving youth aged 5-17 in the child welfare or mental health systems who find themselves in a crisis or in a transition between placements.

Family Services

We are committed to always thinking family first.

Our bilingual **Real Help for Real Life Youth and Family Counseling** and **Skill-BUILDER Classes** deal with issues like anxiety, depression, anger management, bullying, and parenting wisely—all free of charge.

Families Together provides transitional housing and healing for single mothers and their children who are experiencing homelessness due to intimate partner domestic violence.

ACH strongly promotes the philosophy and practice that when children cannot be with their parents safely, the next best option is a relative. The **Kinship Navigator** program helps families outside the child welfare system who are caring for a relative's child(ren). The program offers education and support as well as connections to needed resources. This program helps keep children from entering the foster care system.

Residential Services

Providing a caring, stable and safe environment during healing.

Our Wedgwood Residential Campus lets youth grow and heal from trauma while attending local schools and coming home to a private park.

Wedgwood is home to our **Transitional Living Program**, which is designed for 14-17 year olds who are unable to live with their families. The program assists with reunification while developing the life skills needed to transition to independent living.

Youth aging out of foster care often find they're not yet prepared to succeed on their own. The **LIFE Project** is a supervised independent living program that provides young adults ages 18-21 with a more self-directed environment that inspires the confidence needed to live on their own. ACH relies on both paid and volunteer mentors to provide the guidance needed to pursue higher education, get a job, plan a career and make the right decisions to succeed in life.

An innovative **Residential Treatment Center** puts some of the most vulnerable youth in the foster care system on an accelerated path to success. We can help heal their trauma (ideally in less than a year) and prepare them for a better tomorrow.



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

The ACH Continuum of Services acts as an agent of change for children and families struggling with life's challenges.

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 caring adults to open their homes and hearts to children needing a safe family environment. **Treatment Foster Care** services provide the level of care needed by children with special needs or emotional/behavioral issues.

Kinship Connections places foster children in the home of a relative or person who knew the child before he or she was removed from their home. This voluntary program offers an array of services, including education, referrals, and assistance with licensure or adoption.

Whenever reunification with their biological family is not possible, ACH **Adoption** services match children with a caring, forever-family who has been educated about their needs and embraces them into their family with a lifelong commitment.

Staff Development

Nurturing a team of leaders.

One of ACH's strategic objectives is to ensure that people with the right knowledge and talents are positioned to maximize our impact in meeting the needs of children and families. All employees are introduced to Trust-Based Relational Intervention®, a therapeutic model our youth care specialists employ to help care for and treat at-risk children. Training at ACH begins the first day on the job...and is continually available to help turn jobs into careers.

Agency wide, a leadership initiative based on the agency's values and developed with employee participation helps strengthen an already strong culture and helps focus actions on being the leading agency in North Texas.

Career advancement courses are also offered through the agency's training department to help staff learn best practices and in many cases earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) necessary for certifications and licenses.

Facilities

Ensuring ongoing, quality operations.

Our Facilities team oversees ACH and OCOK grounds and building maintenance as well as the small fleet of vehicles necessary for transporting our residential clients to and from appointments, school, and group outings.

Facilities also ensures security at all locations because we are committed to the safety of those in our care.

