



## **BridgeWay Youth Shelter**

### **Who we can serve**

At the MCYS BridgeWay Youth Shelter, we can effectively serve youth who meet these requirements:

- Youth between the ages of 10 and 17 who need a 14 day “cooling off” period before returning home, following a crisis situation. Crisis situations may include family conflicts, physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, runaway, etc.
- Youth who have run away, been abused or neglected, are homeless, or who are experiencing severe family conflict and have no other safe environment to live.
- Youth who are willing to abide by the BridgeWay Beliefs and follow all the rules and guidelines during their placement.
- Youth needing temporary structure, security, and support. BridgeWay is not a punishment, nor will placement be used to “teach the youth a lesson.”
- Youth with family members who are available and willing to actively participate in family reunification, and want to improve family relationships and communication.
- Youth who are capable of attending public school.
- Youth who are functioning within the average range of intelligence – IQ must be 70 or above.

These requirements are not all-inclusive and should not limit your inquiry on a specific youth or situation. If you have any questions regarding the appropriateness of our facility for someone who is in need of, or is seeking placement, please contact us to discuss the specific details.

### **Who we cannot serve**

The MCYS BridgeWay Youth Shelter is not setup to effectively serve youth in these situations:

- Youth who are not between the ages of 10 and 17.
- Youth who do not have a parent, legal guardian, CPS, or juvenile oversight, who are available and willing to maintain financial and legal responsibility for the youth, and participate in services while he or she is in the program.
- Youth who are not experiencing severe family conflict and have other living options available to them. BridgeWay is not a punishment and will not be used to “teach a youth a lesson.”
- Youth who can not make a voluntary commitment to live at BridgeWay or will not verbally agree to abide by the BridgeWay Beliefs and guidelines.
- Youth who are coming directly out of, or have been in juvenile detention (other than recovery court youth), jail, or a psychiatric hospital within 30 days.
- Youth that are psychotic, suicidal, self-mutilating, have severe mental health or medical or physical conditions needing specialized care, current drug abuse issues, legal issues, gang affiliation, or in need of intensive, specialized treatment programs or are in need of constant supervision.
- Youth who are physically aggressive, violent towards others, or sexual offenders.
- Youth who are functioning below the average range of intelligence – IQ must be 70 or above.



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