

Admissions Criteria

- Males age 11-18 in need of a short-term respite or residential care
- Youth has not been adjudicated of a juvenile sexual offense
- Youth is able to benefit from a cognitive/behavioral approach (generally a full-scale IQ of 65 or higher)
- Youth does not pose an imminent risk to seriously harm self or others
- The program does not utilize physical management as a behavioral intervention

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Family Involvement at Stepping Stones

At Tennyson Center for Children, we want families to be involved with their children. Two of our guiding beliefs are "Parents are the Experts," and "Families Belong Together." The treatment team is aware of the difficulty children and families face when separated and makes every effort to help them maintain their connection.

We strongly encourage all families to participate in family therapy, either with our therapist or one in the community. Participation in family therapy is discussed at Intake. Family members (with approval of guardian/caseworker) are invited and welcome to attend monthly treatment plan reviews, in addition to visiting and calling the youth.



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**Sometimes, boys need a little help
becoming the men they could be.**

**The Stepping Stones Shelter
at Tennyson Center for Children**

*Below: Tennyson Center for Children at
Colorado Christian Home.*



Stepping Stones is a 24-hour residential shelter program for adolescent boys ages 11-18 who cannot live at home due to family conflict, legal problems, homelessness, or other crises. The program is a licensed Therapeutic Residential Child Care Facility (TRCCF) providing short-term mental health assessment and treatment, education, health care, spiritual growth, life skills, and recreation in a safe living environment. Each youth and family receives assessment, case management and therapeutic services with the goal of establishing a plan for the future. The program also offers overnight respite care to support families and prevent further placement.



Included Services

- 24-hour admissions access
- Strengths and needs assessment of youth and family
- Case management, dispositional planning, and community resource coordination
- Individual and Family Therapy provided as needed through Medicaid Fee-for-Service
- 24-hour on-call crisis support for parents and families
- Daily group therapy and life skills exercises
- Recreational activities and community events
- Psychiatric care provided as needed, including medication evaluation and management
- Medical and dental care
- Optional spirituality / faith development programming
- School transition planning and support
- Educational programming (available on-grounds or by coordination with home school district.)
- Expedited access to aftercare and outpatient services through Tennyson Center home-based services

Program Philosophy

The Stepping Stones Program relies on the following philosophies and principles of practice:

- The Tennyson Demandments—our core values and expectations of all employees.
- Positive and strength-based behavioral interventions with children.
- Systems approach to services—focus on the individual, family and community.
- Respect for each family's unique culture.
- Use of the least restrictive intervention to meet child and family needs.
- Trauma-informed assessment and treatment.

