








**Orange County
Youth and Family Services Division**

Youth Shelter







Serves youth ages 10 -17 and offers temporary housing, crisis counseling, individual and family counseling, and links to community resources for youth and their families. Youth are referred to the shelter through a variety of sources including the Department of Children and Families, Department of Juvenile Justice, Law Enforcement, School System, Truancy Court, and Parents/Guardians. Masters level counselors provide counseling and case management services to youth and their families, and continue short term follow up assistance after youth are discharged. The Youth Shelter has an Intensive Behavioral Management System based on rewards for positive behaviors and attendance in school.

The Youth Shelter supports the Civil Citation Program by allowing law enforcement to bring youth to the shelter in the event a parent is unavailable.

Services provided to youth

-  Between the ages of 10 to 17.
-  High-risk behavior such as truancy, running away, ungovernable, or homelessness.
-  In need of a respite period from their home situation to help youth stay out of the delinquency system.
-  In need of a safe haven 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for youth in need.
-  In need of a short term residential shelter.

Services include

-  Assessment and case planning.
 -  Individual and family counseling by professional staff.
 -  Support in family crisis situations.
 -  Life skills training.
 -  Referrals to community resources.
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