Kinder Emergency Shelter
A program of Harris County Resources for Children and Adults

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Brightening the path with services that lead the way to positive growth

The Kinder Emergency Shelter is a 24-bed emergency residential facility that provides short-term services to youth who are in need of shelter and care due to abuse, neglect, homelessness or severe family conflict. The shelter accepts youth who are in the protective custody of the Department of Family and Protective Services and serves as voluntary placement for youth receiving services through Harris County Resources programs. Voluntary youth may reside in the shelter at no cost for up to 30 days with parent guardian participation in the program.

Eligibility
Kinder Emergency Shelter serves girls and boys, ages 12 to 17, with an IQ above 70. While considered on an individualized basis, other screening factors may affect eligibility.

Our Services
Services include shelter and supervision, crisis intervention, socialization and development of interpersonal skills, guided personal health, hygiene, nutrition, education, provision of clothing and service planning.

Other Services
- On-site Excel Academy Charter School
- On-site food services providing cooked meals
- Wraparound services
- Supervised educational & recreational activities (on & off site)

ON-SITE HARRIS COUNTY RESOURCES MEDICAL CLINIC
Youth who are admitted to the shelter typically receive a health screening within 72 hours of admission. A Pediatric Physician and Registered Nurse are onsite to provide subsequent medical services if needed.

COUNSELING
Kinder Emergency Shelter has a full-time therapist onsite who can provide counseling services to the youth during their stay. Additionally, families of the voluntary youth are encouraged to make use of available counseling services.

HIGHLY SKILLED YOUTH COUNSELORS
The staff receive regularly scheduled trainings that include Emergency Behavior Intervention and Crisis Prevention Intervention which is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of the youth.

Placement Consideration
Families can access caseworkers through several programs to determine if the Kinder Emergency Shelter is a child’s best solution.

Accomodations/Activities
- Private bedrooms with full bath
- Access to library and computer lab
- Access to outdoor basketball court, volleyball court and running/walking track
- On and off campus enrichment activities
- Opportunities to participate in a wide variety of group sessions focusing on youth empowerment and life skills
- Individualized plan of care with weekly updates to ensure goals are being achieved
Referrals are currently accepted from:

TRIAD: (832) 927-6400  
Community Youth Services: (832) 927-6300  
YMCA International Services: (713) 339-9015  
Texas Abuse Hotline: 1-800-252-5400  
Association of Family & Community Integrity (AFCI): understandinggay.com or afci@afcihouston.org

Contact Us:  
Youth Services Center  
Kinder Emergency Shelter

For questions, please contact us at: (832) 927-6380  
In person: 6300 Chimney Rock Rd. Houston, TX 77081

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All services are provided at no cost for Harris County residents.