

Emergency Group Homes

Shelter's Buckholz Group Home and Jennings Group Home for Girls provide emergency housing for youths ages 11-17 who are experiencing trauma due to abuse or neglect, or other family crises, such as homelessness, illness, or domestic violence.

Foster Care

Programs for children from birth through 21 include home-ofrelative and traditional foster care. Both programs emphasize reuniting children with their families whenever possible. Shelter licenses all foster families, and our staff provide required training and on-going support.

Youth Experiencing Homelessness

YEH is for youths ages 14-24 without permanent housing. Services include finding appropriate housing, pregnancy and parenting support, counseling and life-skills training. All services are free, confidential, and voluntary.

Healthy Families

Healthy Families is an intensive home visiting program for at-risk, first-time parents. The program is voluntary, confidential, and free. Our multi-lingual staff works with parents from baby's birth through age 5 to create safe and healthy environments for their families.

Transitional Living Program

TLP supports young people ages 17-21 who are experiencing homelessness and aging out of the child welfare system. The goal of the two-year program is to provide support in a safe, stable home-like environment. Support services target education, employment, life skills, and social and emotional well-being.

Clinical Care

Shelter's Clinical Program provides free, in-home mental health therapy for children. Removing the financial and scheduling barriers creates a pathway of support for children and families to not only survive trauma but to thrive.

Founded in 1975, Shelter, Inc. is a leader in Chicagoland for providing emotional and physical care, programs, and services that children need to build safer, healthier, and brighter futures. We are the only agency in the state to provide comprehensive and community-based services for children and families at risk and in need.



24 Hour Referral Line: 847.255.8060

