

■ Transitional Housing Program

Serves older homeless youth, from ages 16 to 21, who are Philadelphia residents. Youth are former clients of the child welfare system who have aged out of foster care or other residential placements and have become homeless when their discharge plans do not succeed. The program provides short-term housing for both parenting and non-parenting youth in homes leased by the agency. The program is designed to assist homeless youth with transitioning to successful independence by providing guided daily living experiences in the community. The goal is for the young adults to make a successful transition into permanent housing.

■ Treatment Foster Care

Provides a safe and temporary home for children who are separated from their birth family by the child welfare system and who also require specialized emotional and/or behavioral support. Children and adolescents with special needs are placed in the homes of specially trained, highly skilled treatment foster parents, where a professionally developed and supervised treatment plan is implemented daily. Experienced and caring social workers work with each young person and their family to address and resolve the issues that brought them into treatment foster care. The goal is for the young people to successfully transition home or to another less restrictive community-based setting.

Mission:

Make a measurable difference in the lives of children and families by providing hope, support and services that also assist their neighborhoods to become safer and more stable.

CVCA Overview

Carson Valley Children's Aid is a non-profit, child welfare agency with a distinguished history of service to children and families. Carson Valley Children's Aid offers a comprehensive continuum of care including:

- In-Home Services
- Out of Home Services
- Education Programs
- Family Support Services
- Substance Abuse Prevention, Intervention & Treatment Programs
- Behavioral Health Services
- In-School Services
- After School and Positive Youth Development Programs

Carson Valley Children's Aid is committed to strengthening children, families and neighborhoods by delivering programs and services that respond to today's needs and by creating programs and services that respond to changing needs.

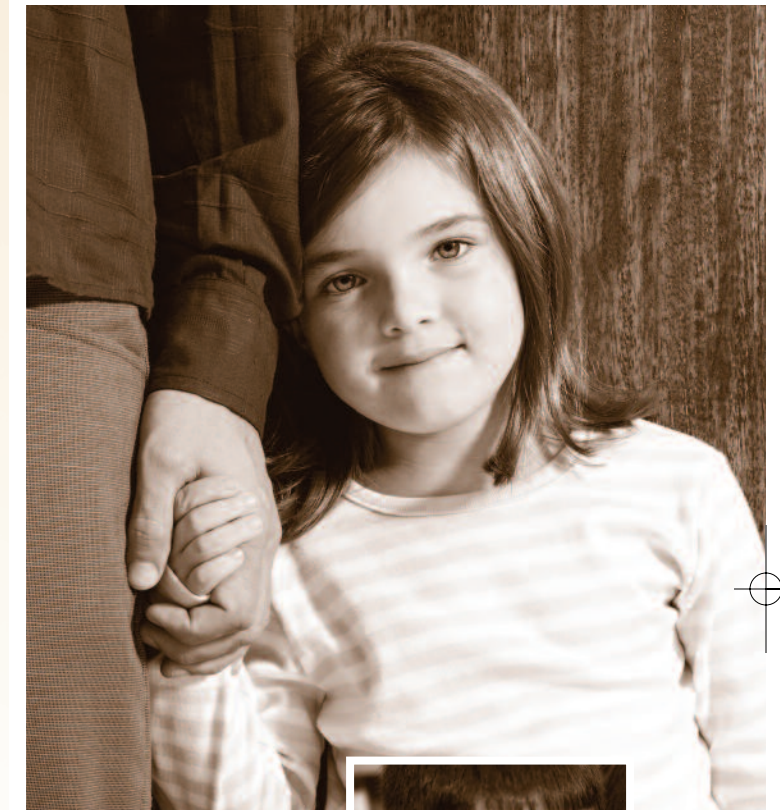
OUR CORE VALUES

- RESPECT
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- INTEGRITY
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- EMPOWERMENT
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- CULTURAL SENSITIVITY
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- TEAMWORK

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Out of Home Services



Building on strengths of children and families



Vision:

Carson Valley Children's Aid will utilize the skills and talents of its Staff and Board to create and sustain neighborhood-based systems of care and education for children, youth and families.

Out of Home Services

CVCA's Out of Home Services provide foster, group home and residential care for children and youth who are unable to remain in their own homes. A range of options exist for children and youth who have been removed from their family of origin due to abuse and/or neglect or have medical, behavioral or emotional needs that require specialized care. Services are provided on a continuum from least restrictive to more intensive in order to meet the full range of needs this population presents. The goal of all CVCA Out of Home Services is to provide a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for children and youth while working to resolve the issues that brought them into care so they can successfully transition home or into another more permanent living situation.

Adoption Services

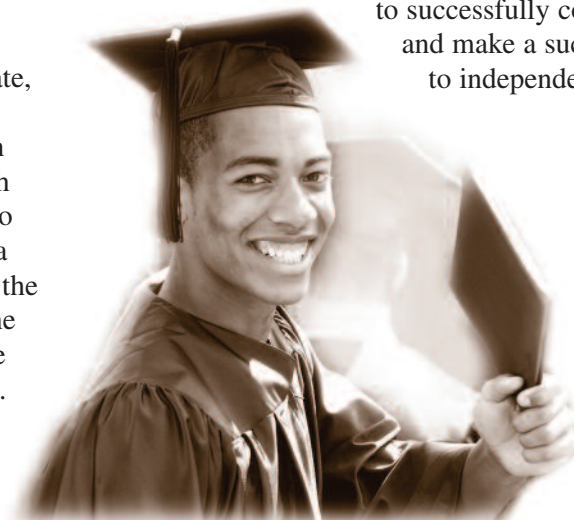
As a Statewide Adoption Network affiliate, CVCA seeks to help special needs children within the foster care system in Southeastern Pennsylvania find a permanent home through adoption. CVCA partners with each family to complete a family profile, match them with a special needs child or children and facilitate the adoption process. CVCA offers support in the form of counseling and education to both the families and children throughout the process.

Community Homes

Created as an alternative to residential treatment, for emotionally and behaviorally disturbed children and adolescents, CVCA Community Homes provide a home-like setting to no more than four young people per home. The program serves children ages 5 to 17 who have experienced multiple foster home placements and who present problems too difficult to manage in a traditional foster home. The primary goal of the program is to assist all young residents in gaining the social, emotional and life skills needed to succeed at living productively in the community. Experienced and caring social workers work with each young person and their family to address and resolve the issues that brought them into the Community Homes Program. The goal is for the young residents to successfully transition home, to another less restrictive community-based setting, or to independent living.

DHS College Program

Is designed to assist older youth, ages 17 to 21, who are in college after leaving foster care or residential treatment. Program staff members provide emotional and concrete support and assistance. Each student receives a monthly stipend and quarterly clothing allowance. The program helps arrange places for students to stay during school breaks and occasionally helps with educational expenses. The primary goal is for the young people to successfully complete college and make a successful transition to independent adulthood.



Family Foster Care

Provides safe and supportive homes to children who are separated from their birth family by the child welfare system. Professional foster parents provide a home for children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect. Social workers work with the children, the foster families and the birth families to ensure each child's needs are being met, to support the foster parents in their efforts to parent unfamiliar children, and assist birth families with making the changes necessary to allow children to return home. Throughout this process alternate plans, which may be adoption, permanent legal custodianship, placement with a relative, or emancipation, are also developed in case birth families are unable or unwilling to make the necessary changes. The goal is for each child to successfully transition home or, when this is not possible, to another more permanent family situation.

Group Homes

Designed to provide a secure therapeutic transitional living experience for adolescents who have been adjudicated dependent or delinquent. Group Homes offer a safe supportive environment for young people who cannot stay at home due to family fragmentation, serious abuse or neglect or severe parent-child conflict. The program helps the young people and their family work towards reunification whenever possible while also providing them with concrete skills and resources that will help them work towards independent living. The goal is for the young residents to successfully transition home, to another less restrictive community-based setting or to independent living.

Residential Treatment

Five historic cottages at the Flourtown Neighborhood Center provide a home to 90 youth from Southeastern Pennsylvania. They are young



people who have emotional and social difficulties often as a result of abuse and severe neglect. While living at CVCA, they receive special education and therapeutic intervention in a caring and nurturing environment. The young people live in home-like cottages with staff members who provide 24-hour care and support. Experienced and caring social workers work with each young person and their family to address and resolve the issues that brought them into residential treatment. The goal is for the young residents to successfully transition home or to another community-based setting.

Supervised Independent Living

Is designed to assist older youth, ages 17 to 21, who are residing in the Greater Philadelphia area while also attending an educational or vocational program, with transitioning to independence from foster care or residential treatment by providing guided daily living experiences in the community. Youth live in CVCA rented apartments in the community and are taught how to maintain an apartment, find and hold a job, shop and prepare nutritious meals, budget and use community resources effectively. The goal is for the young people to make a successful transition to independent adulthood.