

Programs

YVLifeSet--The YVLifeSet program provides transition services to young adults, ages 17-22, who are leaving the foster care, juvenile justice, and mental health systems, or who would otherwise find themselves without the necessary skills and resources to live successfully at this critical junction in their young lives. The program model provides a proven level of intense case management in that the YVLifeSet specialists are available to the young adults 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They make a minimum of one face-to-face contact per week with the youth at the youth's home, job or wherever is most convenient. The number of sessions is increased as needed to match the individual needs of each young adult. The YVLifeSet program integrates both clinical and case management components to help ensure young people are engaged in the program and establish permanency, education, employment, housing and basic independent living skills.

Family Finding--The Family Finding program works to locate and engage people who can be lifelong supports for children in placement or at risk of placement. Every child has a family and when they are removed from family to enter the child welfare system, one of the side effects is loneliness. Turning Points for Children is the sole provider of Family Finding services in Philadelphia. Children reconnect with family members or other significant people in their past with whom they have lost contact or perhaps have never met through this program. This helps a child develop an essential sense of belonging, identity and resilience. Specially trained social workers, with extensive search and engagement skills, work diligently to connect children of all ages with a caring adult family members.

Food and Wellness Network--Food and Wellness Network (FAWN) coordinates a network of community-based food pantries offering nutritious food, infant formula, diapers, nutrition education, and other resource connections to poverty-level families in Philadelphia. The FAWN pantry structure simulates a food market, offering a choice model where consumers can choose the items they need. FAWN is currently accepting new referrals from the 15th police district in the Lower Northeast section of Philadelphia. Pantry services are by appointment only, for more information or to schedule an appointment please contact FAWN at 267.236.1558.

Parenting Support Service--Turning Points for Children offers parenting education/support groups throughout the city of Philadelphia. Groups meet weekly for 12 weeks. These groups provide parents with learning tools and strategies to help cope with the challenges of parenting, strengthen family relationships, and promote the healthy development of children.

Post Legal Adoption Services--Post Legal Adoption Services (PLAS) provides non-identifying background information to adoptees that were adopted through our legacy organizations, Children's Aid Society of PA and The Philadelphia Society for Services to Children.

Community Umbrella Agencies--Turning Points for Children manages 4 Community Umbrella Agencies and through that work provides a continuum of care for children and families, including services preventing child abuse and neglect, in-home services for families at risk, and foster care services aimed at reunifying families and assuring permanency for children. Community Umbrella Agencies are part of a citywide initiative known as Improving Outcomes for Children, led by the [Philadelphia Department of Human Services](#). Turning Points for Children is responsible for the safety, well-being, and permanency of over 5,000 children and their families across the four CUAs served.

Foster Care Program--Turning Points for Children's foster care program provides safe and healthy homes for over 500 children in Philadelphia. Sometimes, it becomes necessary to remove a child from their family while issues related to child abuse and neglect are addressed. When this happens, a Turning Points case manager works closely with the biological and foster family, relative caregivers, DHS, the courts and other agencies to help the family address its challenges and reunify the child with the biological family as soon as possible. When that is not possible, Turning Points works to find another permanent family relationship for the child, either through permanent legal custodianship or adoption. Foster parents provide temporary care in their own homes to bring stability to a child during a time of often severe trauma. Children enter foster care because of child abuse, neglect or special family circumstances requiring that the child receive out-of-home care. Foster care services are intended to provide temporary care for a child until he or she is reunited with their family or until another permanent living situation is found. The goal of the foster care program is to provide a safe environment which is supportive of the child's development. The program assists the child's parents in resuming responsibility and custody or to attain an alternative permanent placement for the child as soon as possible.

The Bridge--An affiliate of Turning Points for Children, The Bridge is a nonprofit behavioral health treatment and youth opportunity program for adolescents and their families seeking to overcome substance abuse, mental health issues, truancy and other challenges. The Bridge includes a comprehensive continuum of services, accredited by the Joint Commission. The Bridges' services include a residential substance abuse treatment program for 27 adolescent males and females, the only one in Philadelphia; The Villa which includes 24 adolescent males and females, an outpatient treatment program for people of all ages; a licensed private school; and the E3Center West in West Philadelphia that helps out-of-school youth and youth returning from juvenile justice placements develop academic, vocational, and life skills. Since 1971, the Bridge has become a leader in the treatment of high-risk youth by helping more than 15,000 adolescents and families in the Philadelphia region.

Mariposa Community Program--Mariposa Community Program is a FREE prevention program for youth ages 9-12 impacted by the substance use of a family member. The program kicks-off with an interactive and dynamic family dinner, followed by 10 weekly sessions. Snacks and transportation are provided for youth in the program. Mariposa Community Program empowers youth by educating youth that addiction is a disease and not their fault, building confidence, teaching critical life skills to help manage feelings and practice self-care and giving kids a place to have fun. Click [here](#) to learn more about the program.