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Returning to Families from Residential Care

Children’s Home & Aid works with 1,000 children involved in the child welfare system, offering services to strengthen fragile relationships and providing care to children who cannot safely live at home. We work to ensure children have safe, permanent and loving homes.

Some youth under the agency’s care require intensive services. The agency’s residential treatment center, the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Child & Family Center in Evanston, IL, treats roughly 60 children a year, ages six to 15, with severe emotional and mental health needs resulting from the trauma they’ve experienced. The Rice Center gives children the opportunity to heal and be ready to return to a stable, caring family.

Why is this result important?

“Regardless of the time spent in treatment, the environment to which a youth is discharged after leaving the residential setting is a more important indicator of the treatment outcome than the amount of time in the residential program.”

Residential Care - Returning to Families

Research supports the agency’s view that the best place for children to grow up is in a family. Children at the Rice Center receive a range of therapeutic services designed to address trauma while providing a supportive environment that encourages their personal growth. The Rice Center develops individual treatment and transition plans for each child emphasizing skills needed to be successful in a home-based setting.

For five years in a row, Children’s Home & Aid has steadily increased the percentage of children discharging to a home-based setting. In fiscal year 2019, all 18 children discharged from the Rice Center went to a home-based setting.

(1) Evidence In-Sight: Optimal Length of Stay in Residential Treatment for High Risk Youths. (2012)