

our mission...to advocate for children worldwide
and to impact children, youth and their families
by empowering them to succeed.

COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION



Southwest Key Programs

Southwest Key's programs are centered on the idea that children flourish when they are able to remain with their families and within their communities. We are committed to the development of community-based alternatives that reduce the reliance on residential services for children and families. Our unique combination of family-centered and strength-based services guide at-risk youth and their families toward positive and productive lives.

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Southwest Key Program Philosophy

Southwest Key was established with the objective of developing community-based treatment programs for youth as an alternative to institutionalization. In this country youth of color are over-represented in the juvenile justice system. Although youth of color make up only 32 percent of the total population, they account for over 58 percent of those institutionalized. We see this trend first-hand through the many programs Southwest Key operates across the United States. Latino youth, African American youth and young people from poor families make up the vast majority of our client population. As such, we have placed a significant emphasis on the importance of culturally competent service delivery. We believe our staff must not only understand the culture of the young people, their families, and their communities, but also be able to communicate in the language of that youth and their family. We have developed program practices that build on the strengths of the cultures of the youth, as well as the communities from which our young people live. We believe youth belong at home with their families and are most effectively treated in their own communities. Accordingly, all of our programs place great emphasis on family and community involvement.

Critical Elements of Southwest Key Programs

- ▶ Offer a continuum of care
- ▶ Hold youth accountable
- ▶ Maintain safety
- ▶ Offer structured programming that includes individualized treatment
- ▶ Involve family and informal supports
- ▶ Utilize community networks
- ▶ Provide advocacy and service linkages for youth and families



Community Reintegration Services Program

The Southwest Key Community Reintegration Services Program is specifically designed to address the community's need for safety, to hold the young person accountable for his/her actions, and to increase the youth's competencies to effect long-term and sustainable change

Program Services

- ▶ Provide intensive youth services to facilitate a youth's transition from an out-of-home placement back to the community and/or family environment.
- ▶ Assist field and facility staff in continually assessing the most appropriate placement for youth committed to the custody of or under the supervision of the Office of Youth Development.
- ▶ Reduce the length of time youth spend in out-of-home placements. This is accomplished by providing individualized treatment and programmatic interventions to youth and their families.
- ▶ Youth will remain involved in the program for up to six (6) months once they have transitioned out of placement and returned to the community.
- ▶ The program is designed to ensure the safety and well-being of the youth and the community while promoting social and emotional adjustment of youth, enhancing life skills and independent living skills and the elimination of destructive behavioral patterns.
- ▶ To ensure the successful transition of the youth back home, services will be provided to the youth and the family as a whole unit.
- ▶ A mix of services that will enable a youth with high needs to be involved for a longer period of time, at a higher intensity of services. The level of care can be stepped down as the youth successfully progresses through the program.
- ▶ Southwest Key will work in close partnership with the placement in which the youth is residing and Office of Youth Development staff in the development of the service plan.
- ▶ We will utilize the treatment plan that has been developed and use this as the basis for the reintegration plan for the youth.
- ▶ Southwest Key will focus on enhanced, individualized reintegration planning to assist youth in completing the rehabilitation process, enabling them to return to their communities as productive citizens.

Southwest Key Program Models

Southwest Key operates more than 40 programs throughout the United States and works with youth and families in Arizona, California, Georgia, Louisiana, New York, Texas and Wisconsin, impacting the lives of thousands of individuals everyday. Our program models include the following:

- ▶ Wraparound Programs
- ▶ Outreach & Tracking and Alternatives to Detention Model
- ▶ Independent Living Programs
- ▶ Alternative Schools
- ▶ Youth Development & Empowerment Programs
- ▶ Residential Treatment and Shelter Care Programs

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Southwest Key Programs

Southwest Key Programs (SWK) is a private, non-profit agency that has made a world of difference in the lives of thousands of youth and families throughout the United States since 1987. SWK is a recognized leader in the design and implementation of innovative, community-based treatment programs for federal, state and local agencies. We are dedicated to keeping young people out of institutions and empowering them with the skills, knowledge, and tools needed to succeed. SWK employs a creative, caring and experienced staff of visionaries who empower youth and their families to make positive changes in their lives.

