

PROGRAM STATEMENT

Let's Talk About It Girl's Home I is a licensed Teen Girl (Child Caring Institution) located in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Our Mission Statement Is: Empowering Families One Child At A Time.

Our Goals:

- To foster emotional healing
- To create a safe and stable environment
- To improve family relationships
- To identify and nurture strengths
- To improve educational and vocational performance
- To increase personal competency and responsibility in relationships
- To build spiritual and moral development consistent with individual spiritual beliefs
- To equip the girls with Independent Living skills
- To educate the girls regarding their vulnerability in the community and coping skills
- To educate the girls on the cycle of domestic violence
- To equip the girls for job readiness and address work ethics, resume preparation and interviewing

We provide services to teen girls between the ages of 13-18. Our population of teen girls may have a history of:

- Abuse**
- Neglect**
- Delinquency**

We provide:

- Group Counseling
- Individual Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Substance Abuse Counseling

Residents who meet criteria must be referred by The Department of Human Services or by a Human Service Agency that collaborates with the Department of Human Services or Juvenile Justice. Upon admission we will provide for all of the resident's and infant's basic needs. We also have a point system that gives each resident an opportunity to earn extra privileges.

We require the following information upon admission:

- Medical Records
- Family History
- Birth Certificates
- Psychosocial Assessment
- Prior Placement Records
- Social Security Number
- Medicade Card Information

Discharge:

Once accepted the resident will remain in the LTAI Girl's Home until she show evidence of readiness for independent living. She must show that she has the ability to operate in the community with supportive services. Pending court approval, the resident will have the option of returning home or living independently. The length of placement is a minimum of 9 months. Post-discharge LTAI will provide supportive services for up to 6 months.