STARR BATTLE CREEK TODAY

Today, Starr Battle Creek is a vital part of Calhoun County and a close community partner with area schools, county agencies and childcare workers throughout the region. Thanks to the power of collaboration and the proven success of positive child care practices, Starr will continue to build new partnerships, new community-based programs – and new hope – for struggling youth in Calhoun County.

WE THINK THE WORLD OF KIDS.

Starr Commonwealth's growing network of strength-based treatment services and training programs is the most comprehensive of its kind in the world. Every year, more than 1.3 million people worldwide are impacted by a Starr Commonwealth program or service. To date, the Starr Institute for Training has equipped more than 78,000 educators, clinicians and childcare practitioners in 50 states and 49 countries around the globe. At Starr, we think the world of kids. We always have. And we'll go anywhere and everywhere to reach them.

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STARR BATTLE CREEK HISTORY

In 1913, a young Floyd Starr took in "homeless, dependent, neglected and delinquent boys" and treated them with dignity, respect and a belief in their capacity for positive change. Today, practice-based evidence and bio-behavioral research confirm what Starr Commonwealth's founder knew instinctively: there's no such thing as a bad child.

Through the years, Starr Common-wealth's success with strength-based residential practices led to the development of new community-based programs to meet needs in places like Battle Creek and Detroit.

In 1997, Starr expanded to Battle Creek. Even though it was just 25 miles from Starr's Albion headquarters, Starr knew the best way to truly reach people is to meet them where they live.

TRANSFORMING YOUNG LIVES AND THE FAMILIES AND ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THEM.

Starr sees youth through a very different lens, one focused on potential and a child's capacity for change. This foundational principle, and the deep brain learning tools and positive practices that have developed around it, encourages positive change on the inside for lasting change on the outside.

Starr foster care homes throughout Michigan offer safe havens for area children who have been damaged through abuse or neglect. Starr clinicians work closely with families to change values and build healthy relationships.

Our foster parents are part of a supportive community and are highly trained to treat children whose behavioral needs or past circumstances require a specialized level of care.

Children and teens who are under school suspension can continue their schoolwork in a positive academic setting supervised by Starr specialists.

An innovative education program allows motivated students to pursue extra credits or regain lost credits through self-guided courses online in a supportive learning environment led by certified teachers.

Supervised independent living programs prepare older teens for responsible adulthood and support them as they continue their education or move into the workforce.

Daily supervision and positive peer group support help adjudicated boys and girls stay in the family, in school and on a positive path.

Starr's therapeutic treatment approach reduces the risk of out-of-home placement for children with psychological issues. Starr clinicians and specialists work in the home with families on successful strategies for addressing and managing challenging behaviors.

An effective juvenile diversion program for young, non-violent first offenders focuses on self-awareness, anger management, positive goals and respect for others to create the positive, inner change that harsh punishment can't.

The Starr Model

Starr's clinical model is one of consilience, a unity of thought and approach in the treatment of troubled youth that is strength-based, child-centered and built around practice-based evidence from successful child care traditions and professional experience. Supported by nearly a century of success in the treatment of troubled youth and confirmed by emerging research in behavioral health and neuroscience, the principles and practices behind Starr Commonwealth's treatment services and professional training programs represent the interna-tional standard of excellence in identifying, treating and healing trauma- and pain-based behavior in children and adolescents.