

STARR COLUMBUS TREATMENT FOSTER CARE



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CONTINUING THE LEGACY
OF HANNAH NEIL CENTER

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Overview:

- **General Philosophy:** Strength-based, Positive Youth Development
- **Community-Based Program:** Provides in-home counseling and 24/7 crisis intervention
- **Population:** Males/Females, ages 0-21 years, as appropriate
- **Foster Home:** Placement in a foster home determined by age, maturity, foster parent experience and capacity
- **Program Length:** Varies by individual treatment needs and permanency planning goal

Starr treatment model:

- **Individual & Family Counseling/Home Visits:** Foster Care Therapists meet with and help the foster family and youth define appropriate treatment goals. Biological Parents and other supportive individuals can participate when appropriate.
- **Trauma-Informed Care:** Staff are trained in techniques through The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC) to help youth who have experienced traumatic events.
- **Psychiatric Services:** Youth will be referred for Starr's psychiatric and medication management services as needed.
- **Motivational Interviewing:** Staff trained in MI techniques geared to increase one's internal motivation for change.
- **Education:** Youth attends local community schools. Workers provide academic support and monitoring.
- **Service Learning Projects:** Projects are structured and planned for appropriate students.
- **Medical and Dental Services:** Medical needs are met by a community-based licensed doctors and dentists. Emergency medical care provided at local community hospitals.
- **Life Skills:** Formal and informal education and training in the development of life skills for each age appropriate student.
- **Life Space Crisis Intervention:** Staff trained in verbal crisis intervention, skill development.
- **Safe Crisis Management:** Comprehensive training program focused on preventing and managing crisis events and improving safety in agencies and schools. SCM has a trauma-sensitive approach with emphasis on building positive relationships with individuals.

- **Advocacy:** Advocate and link youth to community resources to stabilize families.
- **Continuing Services Planning and Follow-Up:** Provided until wardship is terminated or client requested.
- **Scholarships:** Post-secondary academic scholarships are available. Students must apply by the posted deadline and be in good academic standing to be considered.
- **Cultural Competence:** Cultural diversity is evident in all of Starr's programs, and Starr staff work with youth to promote a loving and accepting atmosphere.

Continuum of Care

Starr provides a comprehensive continuum of programs that meet the individual needs of youth and families at every stage – from residential to foster care to community-based – with family-centered and child-focused services.



Starr Commonwealth is internationally recognized as a leader in transformational programs for children, families, schools and communities. Founded in 1913, Starr's treatment philosophy is rooted in seeing something good in every child, which serves as the guiding principle in its strength-based approach. Starr offers a full spectrum of community-based early intervention and prevention services along with specialized residential programs. Through the Starr Institute for Training, parents, clinicians, educators and childcare professionals now have access to Starr's highly successful and innovative techniques aimed at bringing out the best in every child.

Licenses and Accreditations:

Starr Commonwealth is accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA).

Starr Columbus is licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS).

Starr Columbus is a certified site by the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

