

STARR COLUMBUS MYPLACE

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Overview:

- **General Philosophy:** Strength-based, Positive Youth Development
- **Community-Based program:** Provides 24/7 care management, crisis intervention and staff supervision in a structured apartment setting
- **Population:** Abuse/Neglect and/or adjudicated males and females (including pregnant females), ages 16+
- **Placement:** Determined by age, maturity, committing offense and established treatment needs
- **Program Length:** 6-9 months

Starr treatment model:

- **Life Skill Goals:** Concentrates on the areas of academic support, post-secondary educational support, employment/vocational training, housing/home management training, health education and risk prevention, family support/education and mentoring.
- **Ansell Casey Assessment:** Provides information from the viewpoint of youth. The Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment gives a clear idea of the independent living skills that youth have already mastered and in what areas assistance is needed.
- **Daniel Memorial Assessment & Skills Plan:** The Independent Living Skills (ILS) System is a software-assisted, systematic, competency-based approach to life skills training. The system combines timesaving technology with a comprehensive assessment and reporting to produce skill and transition plans tailored to the individuals needs.
 - The ILS will:
 - Assess life skills
 - Create detailed skill plans based on assessment results
 - Create I.L. transition plans
 - Track progress and completed skills training
 - Establish training priorities
 - Generate customized reports
- **Life Space Crisis Intervention:** Staff trained in verbal crisis intervention and skill development.
- **Psychiatric Services:** Youth will be referred for Starr's psychiatric and medication management services as needed.
- **Scholarships:** Post-secondary academic scholarships are available. Students must apply by the posted deadline and be in good academic standing to be considered.

- **Education:** Youth attends local community High Schools, GED programs, trade/vocational programs and colleges. Independent Living Counselors assist youth with enrolling in appropriate academic settings, as well as monitor school progress and provide academic support.
- **Service Learning:** Structured community service activities are planned for each student and peer group to encourage social responsibility.
- **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.
- **Trauma-Informed Care:** Staff are trained in techniques through The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC) to help youth who have been subjected to traumatic events.
- **Parenting Skills Training:** For pregnant/expectant females and parenting youth.
- **Tenant Meetings:** Held monthly to build tenant relationships, create a cohesive building community and teach problem-solving skills when issues among the community arise.
- **Service Planning:** For each student, a written Independent Living Plan is created by the student and worker to assist youth with planning for independence. Using a treatment team approach, monthly review meetings are held with youth, referral agencies and supportive individuals to discuss strengths, areas of improvement and progress made toward individual goals.
- **Transportation:** Youth are provided transportation support.
- **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.

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.

MyPlace is licensed as an independent living facility under ODJFS.

