

# STARR COLUMBUS TODAY



Today at Starr Columbus, the spirit of Hannah Neil and her legacy of compassion are still at work in the lives of children and families in Ohio. Treatment foster care, supervised independent living, community-based programs and residential treatment services are helping a new generation of youth find the help, hope and healing they need to turn their lives around.



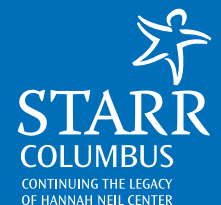
# WE THINK THE WORLD OF KIDS.

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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# WE SEE THE GOOD IN EVERY CHILD.



More than 150 years ago, a remarkable woman named Hannah Neil traveled solo by horse throughout Columbus bringing food, clothing and support to those in need. After the Civil War, Hannah Neil opened her own home to take in suffering children and families and created the city's first residential charity.



Half a century later, a young man in Michigan named 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.



Over the years, Columbus' beloved Hannah Neil Center would become a regional leader in residential and

community-based treatment programs for troubled young children, widely recognized for its compassionate, healing approach and successful community-based treatment services for boys and girls.

In 1978, Floyd Starr wanted to see the Ohio treatment center he'd heard so much about. On his first visit to the



Hannah Neil Center, "Uncle" Floyd was captivated by the children he met and impressed by the staff's deep dedication to them. Later that year, the two historic childcare organizations became one.

## 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 Columbus foster care homes 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.



In the community, licensed therapists and treatment specialists work closely with schools, teachers, administrators and other stakeholders, including the child, to help implement therapeutic programs that reach deep.



Residential treatment for sexually reactive youth is sensitive to the issues behind the behaviors. Supportive, understanding peers and evidence-based treatment practices help young children learn to believe in their ability to help instead of hurt.

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

### 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 international standard of excellence in identifying, treating and healing trauma- and pain-based behavior in children and adolescents.