

## Southwestern Youth Services

The heart of Southwestern Youth Services is to provide a safe haven for children in crisis. We believe every child counts, therefore we do all that we can to provide support, safety, and to promote well-being.

We are a private, non-profit youth agency, committed to promoting healthy development and protecting children and youth from harm. We are licensed by Oklahoma Department of Human Services and have been serving our community since 1978.



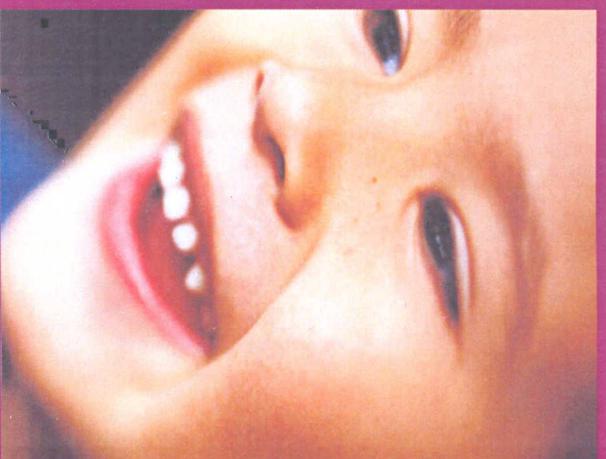
As an agency, we provide residence, counseling, education advocacy, health, prevention, and recreational activities for Jackson, Tillman, and Harmon counties.

## Emergency Shelter Program

The Emergency Shelter provides a temporary safe haven for children in crisis through Host Home Families. A Host Home Family provides a temporary, safe environment meeting basic needs and providing emotional support until a safe permanent housing can be located. Youth may be placed in a Host Home for a day, a week, or up to 30 days depending on an individual basis.

### *Who are children in crisis?*

We host children between the ages of 6 to 17 years of age. Children in crisis often times are neglected, abused, homeless, or runaways. These children have either been taken out of their homes and placed into out-of-home placement by state law or they have voluntarily chosen to leave their homes for a temporary basis. It is our goal to not turn away a single child who is in need of a safe place.



Southwestern Youth Services works in cooperative efforts with the National Safe Place for Homeless and Runaway Youth Program and the National Runaway Youth Hotline.

