



*Believing in the
power of potential...™*

A Reputation for Excellence



Youth In Need is **accredited** by the **Council on Accreditation** (COA) and additionally, three of Youth In Need's Head Start Centers are accredited by the **National Association for the Education of Young Children**.

The **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** recognizes Youth In Need as an **"exemplary program."**



Youth In Need is a recipient of the **Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance** seal of approval.

Youth In Need **partners** with the children, teens and families that it serves and **builds on their strengths**.



Youth In Need is a recipient of the **United Way of Greater St. Louis'** highest quality ranking.

Successful child, teen and family **outcomes** consistently demonstrate the positive impact Youth In Need's services have on more than **10,000 individuals** every year.

Here's what people are saying about Youth In Need:

*Youth In Need staff and the **Board of Directors** are very **strongly mission-driven, innovative, creative and committed**. — COA Peer Team Leader, 2008*

*The **respect for clients** is evident. The **promotion of positive interactions** shows in all the work done with all clients. This is done in an exemplary way. — COA Peer Reviewer, 2008*

*Youth In Need's programs are top-notch and their management of **cultural diversity** could set a **nation-wide example**. — COA Peer Reviewer, 2008*

*Every time we leave after a session, I have new ideas, positive feedback and things to do in between visits. **I have benefited** from counseling because **I am learning things** about my children that I didn't know. — A parent, 2007*

*I was very impressed with Youth In Need's ability to work off my child's strengths. It really **enabled her to see her own strengths** and use them in her interactions with others. — A parent, 2007*

*Youth In Need helped me **embrace a better side of myself** that I didn't realize I had, and for that, **I am thankful**. — A youth, 2007*

*The YMCA of Greater St Louis' 20 branches are trained to be community Safe Places for youth in times of crisis. The YMCA's involvement in the Safe Place initiative reflects our commitment to our communities and the needs of families and children who live in them. We feel the **Safe Place initiative** is a **vital resource for our young people** and we want them to know the YMCA is one of many neighborhood organizations looking out for their safety. **Youth In Need is providing strong leadership** for this initiative and we are glad to be a part of it. — Deb Salls, Executive Director, Washington University and Lindenwood University YMCAs*