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Keira describes her adolescence as one filled with a bad attitude. A victim of her stepfather’s sexual abuse, she ran away to escape and turned to drugs and sex to numb her pain.

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Within a few days, Keira’s mother visited her at the shelter. Keira remembers her mother calling her a liar, saying she was acting out. Keira was ashamed and left the shelter immediately.

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Keira said she realized that Youth In Need was the first place that listened and believed her. “I will never remember how I was treated there,” Keira said. “Always…”

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CORE PROGRAMS

Prevention and Family-Strengthening Programs:

• Head Start and Early Head Start
• Individual, family and school-based counseling
• Teen Parent Program and other support groups
• Positive youth development programs

Crisis Intervention and After-Care Programs:

• Emergency Shelter
• Transitional and independent youth housing
• Street Outreach
• Foster care case management
• Safe Place
• Counseling

Nurturing Environments, Educational Opportunities

At the heart of Youth In Need’s mission and services, you’ll find the words “hope” and “potential.” We believe that every child, teen and family has the potential to grow, change and learn, regardless of their past experiences. We also believe in fostering hopeful futures for all of our clients. When children, teens and families have hope, their lives change. To help that change and healing occur, Youth In Need uses a strength-based approach in which young people identify their strengths and use them to solve the challenges they’re facing. By doing so, our hope is to help clients prevent future crises in their lives. Youth In Need is not only there for our clients during the crisis, but also following the crisis.

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Today, hundreds of Youth In Need’s full- and part-time staff serve thousands of children, teens and families in six counties. We aid youth and their families in finding safe, secure nurturing homes while they complete their education, learn independence- building skills, secure employment and become self-sufficient.

Youth In Need supports children and teens in crisis as they overcome abuse or neglect, and we strengthen vulnerable families who lack foundations of hope. For young people who don’t have families to sustain them, Youth In Need becomes that family. We support them as they work through their crises, and we’re there as they begin their own families. Youth In Need strengthens families by offering support, education and encouragement. Doing so fosters resiliency to help families prevent future crises.

A reputation for excellence. Youth In Need is applauded for the professionalism of its staff and effectiveness of its programs.

Youth In Need:
• In nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation.
• A member agency of the United Way of Greater St. Louis.
• A recipient of the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance Seal of Approval.
• Recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as an “exemplary program.”
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