

Reynolds Group Home Program Statement

Reynolds Group Home (RGH) is an adolescent group living facility operated by Marathon Youth Services, Inc. since 1978, located on the central east side of Wausau, WI. The primary goal of RGH is the reconciliation of juveniles with their families, and/or their transition to independent living. Through a process of continuing reassessment the treatment program for each youth is tailored to meet their individual needs and the needs of their families and placing agencies. Flexibility continues to be a hallmark of our program.

- RGH serves male clients ages 12 through 17 years of age. All residents are in court ordered placement as the result of delinquency determinations or juvenile in need of protective service orders. Placement needs may include emotional or behavioral disorders, alcohol, drug or other substance abuse problems, delinquency, correctional aftercare placement, sexual offender treatment and some learning disabilities.
- Programming at RGH consists of an array of professional services which may include psychological evaluation, family and/or individual counseling with a Master's Level Professional Therapist (on staff), referral to community based mental health specialists, and individual educational plans. Each resident receives a full treatment assessment within 30 days of placement with all services based on that assessment. Treatment plans are regularly reviewed and refined to meet the changing needs of the client. Staff supervision is provided on a round the clock basis, with individual counseling available upon demand.
- Meeting educational and treatment expectations comprise the bulk of the day at RGH. However, all residents are afforded the opportunity to participate in a full range of recreational and leisure activities. These may include the YMCA, Public Library, physical activity such as weight lifting, basketball, running and swimming, as well as a full complement of board games, video games, television and radio. Many such activities are structured and facilitated by group home staff to insure the participation of all residents. Additionally, residents participate in planned/supervised activities such as fishing, camping, hiking as well as trips to water parks and other scenic and educational attractions throughout the state.
- All residents are expected to abide by clearly defined and explained house rules and treatment goals. Staff is responsible for setting reasonable limits on behavior and expectations. Staff provides round the clock supervision and guidance. Residents agree to obey all laws and respect the rights and property

of others. Residents are also expected to attend and participate in an appropriate educational program as determined by the school district of attendance. All residents are held to acceptable hygiene standards and are directed on the appropriate use of laundry facilities. They are also expected to maintain their rooms in a neat and orderly fashion. Residents will perform light cleaning within the group home and grounds. Any court ordered community service requirements will be completed by the resident within the time frame established by the court.

- Independent Living Skills Training is a fundamental element of all programming at Reynolds Group Home. All residents are provided a detailed assessment of their needs in this area, and a training regimen is established to bring those skills up to acceptable level. Pre and post tests are used to determine the effectiveness of such preparedness. Residents are provided counsel in this area on a one on one basis during the week, and a group activity on weekends. Age appropriate residents are allowed, encouraged and assisted in seeking suitable employment opportunities.
- Residents may attend the church or house of worship of their choice as long as it is within the greater Wausau area.
- Reynolds Group Home is located within easy access of public transportation. When necessary, group home staff will provide for unmet transportation needs.
- Reynolds Group Home and Marathon Youth Services, Inc. do not discriminate against any client because of race or cultural identification, sex or sexual orientation, age, color, creed, ancestry, national origin, disability, political affiliations or religious beliefs.