

— OUR APPROACH —

YAP's model draws from the practice and research base of wraparound, family support, mentoring, positive youth development, and restorative justice fields. We have created a unique model of service delivery based on several central tenets:

- » **NO REFUSE POLICY:** No youth or family will be refused or ejected from services.
- » **INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN:** Each plan is based on the family's unique needs, strengths, culture and preferences.
- » **FAMILY FOCUSED:** Parents/Caregivers are engaged as partners in their services, and support is offered to help them meet their needs and goals, too.
- » **STRENGTH BASED:** We look at what strengths and assets kids and families have and seek to build upon them.
- » **NEIGHBORHOOD BASED RECRUITMENT:** We recruit staff who live in the same communities as the families we serve.

YAP provides youth and their families with intensive wraparound services in their homes, school and community at times most needed by the family. Guided by their plan, support can include a number of activities, including case management, crisis intervention services available 24/7, skill development, educational and vocational work.



— OUR SERVICES —

Arkansas Intensive In-Home Services not only provides traditional wraparound/advocacy services as outlined, but we also offer the following specialized services:

- Strength-based Family intervention/sessions
- Mental Health support
- Parenting skills training
- School intervention
- Assistance with accessing sustainable community resources/linkages

SERVICE COVERAGE AREA 4 includes:

- Hempstead
- Nevada
- Miller
- Union
- Ouachita
- Columbia
- Lafayette
- Little River
- Sevier

SERVICE COVERAGE AREA 5 includes:

- Baxter
- Boone
- Newton
- Marion

“I was mostly in foster homes. I was locked up for 18 months. It wasn't very good... Because of YAP, my goals have become more obtainable. I always wanted to go to college and now I'm finally doing it.”

— OUR STAFF —

Our Family Intervention Specialists (FIS) work with young people and their families providing such things as transportation, community linkages, beneficial resources for development, employment assistance, academic assistance and motivation.

YAP's wraparound/advocacy intervention is designed to improve parental capacity by empowering families with skills and resources. To enhance family involvement, staff take a positive, respectful and strength-based approach during all contacts with the family so as to build a trusting relationship. This is a proven strategy for engaging families.



WHO WE ARE

YAP is a nonprofit agency that has been committed to providing community-based alternatives to out of home care through direct service, advocacy and policy change **SINCE 1975.**

We serve **THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES A YEAR** in more than **100 PROGRAMS** in rural, urban and suburban communities across the country.

100% of our programming takes place in the **HOME COMMUNITIES** of the people we serve.

We believe that **EVERY INDIVIDUAL POSSESSES STRENGTHS**, potential, interests and talents that make them unique and can be built upon and shared.

We believe that everyone needs **ACCESS TO POSITIVE PEOPLE, PLACES AND ACTIVITIES** within their community to develop their natural potential and live full, productive lives.

We believe that **PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES** to identify their needs and preferences preserves dignity and improves outcomes.



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Strengthening Communities One Biography at a Time

