



Covenant House provides a community of hope and healing to homeless youth. As the largest privately funded agency in the Americas providing services to homeless youth with 21 programs in 11 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, plus Canada, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico, Covenant House provides 24/7 crisis care and on-going support for young people in need of a safe haven. Founded in 1972, Covenant House has reached more than one million young people with immediate assistance and the support necessary to transition from a life on the streets to a life with a future.

About Covenant House Florida

Covenant House Florida serves runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth under 21 including teen parents and their babies. Opened in Ft. Lauderdale in 1985 and expanded to Orlando in 1995, we currently reach over 190 kids a day in South and Central Florida via street outreach, crisis shelters, transitional housing projects, and aftercare, making Covenant House Florida one of the largest private agencies serving runaway and homeless youth in the state.

Open intake is the founding and guiding value of Covenant House. Quite simply, it means that we will not turn away any youth under 21 seeking initial help anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We are available to kids from any socio-economic, ethnic, cultural, religious, or geographic origin. Whenever possible, we reunite kids with their families. When kids can't go home, we work with each one to develop a plan toward a stable living situation, including independent living for older adolescents.

Our array of services encompasses:

- Street Outreach
- Shelter Care—nourishing meals, clean clothes, and a safe place to sleep (104 beds Ft. Lauderdale, 48 beds Orlando)
- Counseling, case management, and therapy
- Referrals
- Health Services at on-site clinics
- Family Reunification—whenever possible
- Substance Abuse Intervention—drug and alcohol education at both sites; treatment including CHAMP (Covenant House Addictions Management Project) in Ft. Lauderdale and by referral in Orlando
- Pregnancy Prevention/Teen Parent Education
- Education—full-time school for younger teens on-site in Ft. Lauderdale, at area schools in Orlando; (GED—General Educational Development) classes toward high school equivalency for older adolescents at both locations
- Job Readiness—help for older teens in finding and maintaining jobs
- Life Skills Instruction—guidance for older teens on budgeting and preparing to live on their own
- Transportation Assistance—for local referrals and job search and for return home
- Pastoral Ministry—voluntary spiritual guidance and services
- Rights of Passage—transitional housing for older adolescents bridging into independent living

Covenant House Florida relies primarily on private support—not on tax dollars—to reach out and respond to kids with nowhere else to turn. For more information about our program and how you can help by contributing financially, donating needed items, or volunteering, call, write, or e-mail us.

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