Cleveland Christian Home is a haven of hope and healing for children, youth and families struggling with mental illness, abuse, neglect, and other catastrophic life events.

Founded as an orphanage in 1900, today’s Cleveland Christian Home continues to serve children in need by providing community-based services for children living at home and residential treatment for boys with severe emotional and behavioral disturbances.

Residential Treatment

Cleveland Christian Home provides Residential Treatment Programs for adolescent and teen boys who struggle with severe emotional and behavioral disturbances. We accept children into the home through emergency referrals 24 hours a day, seven days a week to ensure that kids who need care—to ensure their safety or the safety of others—are in a safe, structured and therapeutic environment as soon as possible. We tailor our services to each boy’s individual needs—from mental health services to medical care to social skills development. Cleveland Christian Home also hosts a Cleveland Metropolitan School District school on our grounds, where CMSD teachers, who specialize in working with boys who face the challenges with which our students struggle, maintain continuous communication with our residents’ home schools.

Most of these children have been abused or neglected and have been in and out of foster homes and child welfare custody. Some are referred by juvenile court. All are in need of a safe, structured and therapeutic environment where they can heal and prepare to live in the community again.

Our Residential Treatment Programs are tailored to meet each boy’s needs and include traditional, or "Open" Residential Treatment. We provide Intensive Treatment for children who are in danger of harming themselves or others. Some youngsters are monitored due to suicidal thoughts or gestures.

The Hope Center, a specialized treatment program for children who have been sexually abused or exposed to inappropriate sexual influences at a young age. The primary focus of treatment is to eliminate sexually inappropriate/aggressive behavior. Family counseling is part of treatment.

All boys in our residential treatment programs also participate in Partial Hospitalization, an intensive therapeutic program designed to help children and teens overcome behavioral and emotional disturbances.

Cleveland Christian Home's Residential Treatment Center also has a short term Shelter Care program for boys awaiting a juvenile court case. Most have been truant, “unruly” or physically or verbally aggressive at home. Many have lived with violence from a young age, or have been left to parent themselves while their young, single parent works or
socializes. CCH provides these youth with a crucial “time out” from life on the streets or juvenile detention—including a structured, supportive environment, schooling, recreation, group discussions and mental health assessments.

The Youth and Family Partnership Program is court ordered, long term residential treatment with full access to therapeutic services for some juvenile offenders following Shelter Care.

Community Based Programs

Through our trauma informed community based services, we work in schools and homes to sustain families and to help children develop healthy relationships and personal resiliency. These programs are designed to support children and families who are dealing with major life stressors or who have mental health needs to remain safely at home. We work with clients across the life spectrum from toddlers to grandparents who are raising their grandchildren, and we work where the client needs to see us, across Cuyahoga County and in all kinds of settings—homes, schools, community settings, or our offices.

We provide a range of individual and group services from case management to mental health counseling.

Family Service Programming provides intensive, in-home family therapy to families who are in crisis, who have histories of abuse or neglect, who are reuniting after having children placed in child welfare custody, or you are struggling to keep a teenager or foster child in the home. Many clients are also eligible for interventions such as Parent Child Interaction Therapy or Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

School Based Programming provides on-site therapy and intervention for high risk children in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

System of Care Programming facilitates the Wraparound process for families whose needs cannot be met by traditional family service programs. By utilizing a team approach families benefit from the development of a wraparound team consisting of professionals and natural supports.

Outpatient Counseling offers therapy for children, teens, adults and families.

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This HUD supported program provides long-term, subsidized housing for former foster youth who have a diagnosed mental illness. Rent subsidies are determined by income, and the cost of utilities is included in the rent. These apartments provides an opportunity for safe and stable housing to a population of young adults that has a high rate of homelessness. Although only a housing program by design, informal assistance is provided to tenants as requested and as available. This help may include food, furniture, transportation, clothing and referral services.

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