

Runaways

Community Impact

The number of runaway youth in St. Charles County is down 54.3% since 2005.

Source of Data

Missouri Highway Patrol Division

Agency Programs Impacting This Target Population

[Behavioral Health Response](#)

[Bridgeway Behavioral Health](#)

[Crider Health Center](#)

[Family Advocacy & Community Training](#)

[Lutheran Family & Children's Services](#)

[Preferred Family Healthcare](#)

[Youth In Need](#)

Background

In 2005, Youth In Need was turning away one (1) out of every two (2) youth who sought shelter from their facility. The CCRB and YIN began to look into the possibility of opening a second shelter in the County. While this pursuit was occurring, Youth In Need was able to reduce the average length of stay from 14 days to 8 days, which allowed for greater access. In addition, increased funding of a number of counseling programs and intensive home based services allowed families to address conflicts before they rose to a crisis level that would often lead a youth to run away from home.