

Merck Center at Youth Villages-Germaine Lawrence (Residential Treatment Center)

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NATSAP Member Since: 2011	 Airport: Boston, MA (BOS), Manchester, NH (MHT), Providence, RI (PVD)

The Merck Center at Youth Villages-Germaine Lawrence is a residential treatment center for girls ages 12-18 with a wide range of clinically complex and treatment-resistant issues best helped through evidence-based treatment approaches. We successfully treat girls with issues that include depression, attachment disorders, anxiety disorders, borderline features, bipolar disorder, substance abuse, eating disorders and trauma. We accept girls who are pregnant.

A high staff-to-child ratio allows for each child to receive the individual attention she needs. Our Masters level clinical staff are trained in using Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, an evidence-based treatment model to help children who have suffered trauma. We also provide a wide range of expressive therapies, a challenging recreation program and sensory integration and mindfulness activities.

Our clinical, milieu and teaching staff are trained in Collaborative Program Solving, which is based on the belief that kids will do well if they can, and challenging behavior is a result of a deficit of skills to meet expectations or respond to triggers. Our staff will respond immediately to safety issues and teach skills that will address the underlying problems leading to the unsafe behavior.

The Merck Center includes a 45 day assessment program. We provide comprehensive assessments, including recommendations for placement options. Some students stay with us solely for the assessment period while others complete their treatment at the Merck Center.

Our programs are supported by board-certified child psychiatrists. Our nursing staff are on-site seven days/ week. A physician from Boston Children's Hospital holds a clinic on-campus weekly.

The Merck Center's academic program is fully licensed and meets a wide range of academic abilities.

Individual Psychotherapy Available: Yes

Accreditation, Licensure: Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Childhood; Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Joint Commission; Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Professional Affiliations: NATSAP-Full Member; the Joint Commission; Massachusetts Association of 766 Approved Private Schools; Association of Behavioral Healthcare