

MONTCALM CROSSROADS STRUCTURED TRANSITIONAL LIVING

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Montcalm Crossroads Structured Transitional Living (STL), a rather new program of Montcalm School for Boys and owned by Starr Commonwealth, is for young men ages 17-21 who need continued support and structure after leaving a residential treatment program or before transitioning back into their community, heading to college or returning to their families and home.

Montcalm Schools is accredited by The Council of Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc. and licensed by the Michigan Department of Education and the Michigan Department of Human Services. They are a member of the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP).

Students reside in on-campus apartments where they are immersed in daily life skills training. With the presence of independent living specialist, students learn hands-on everyday skills that will enable them to live on their own independently. Skills they will acquire include shopping for and cooking their meals while also learning to juggle a set budget, time management utilizing a calendar and planner, plus strategies for job interviews. Students may choose to have a job on or off campus or may elect to enroll in classes at the local community college in addition to their participation in service learning projects. These projects can include working at a homeless shelter or local animal shelter.

Individual counseling is available and therapeutic group meetings are held three times a week in addition to a weekly apartment meeting.

Located on the Starr Commonwealth campus, students have access to the gym facilities and lakefront with less staff supervision and participate in several on-campus clubs, which include running, swimming and weight lifting.

[This information came from the Montcalm website and brochure.]

But in general, using hospitals for children's problems is like using a Volkswagen for a paperweight. It's cumbersome, expensive and counterproductive.

- Mary Pipher

Special support groups



Another way we're helping troubled teens.

Many teens struggling with substance abuse, oppositional behavior and defiance, arrive at The Family Foundation School battling additional, underlying problems such as:

- loss and grief
- social anxiety
- adoption issues
- trauma
- unresolved anger

To help them work through these particular difficulties, weekly support groups, facilitated by our master's level counselors and Certified Trauma Specialist, have become a valuable component of the individual therapeutic plan for a growing number of students—and of the FFS program, which also includes:

- ✦ daily therapeutic counseling and the services of an on-site psychiatrist and clinical psychologist;
- ✦ art, music, dog training, interscholastic sports, intellectual pursuits and other healing activities;
- ✦ plus rigorous academics, learning support, and character-building 12-step living that has been our mainstay for more than 20 years.

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