



Methodist Children's Home
Offering Hope Since 1890

Residential Services

Residential Group Care

- MCH offers a relationship-based model of care that provides youth opportunities to discover and develop talents and skills in a nurturing, Christian community. Youth are served in a family-like setting that involves the family in all aspects of care. MCH primarily serves youth ages 12-18.
- MCH is committed to using evidence-based and trauma-informed practices. MCH works with the Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University to implement Trust-Based Relational Intervention techniques in its programs.
- MCH is licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. MCH is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and the Coalition for Residential Education.

Waco Campus

- MCH serves up to 120 youth on its 130-acre campus in Waco.
- Eight to 10 youth live in each of the 14 homes. Each home is supervised by a unit manager with a master's degree in social work or other human services field and staffed by home parents or direct care staff.
- Youth participate in leadership organizations, work programs and a variety of recreational opportunities on the campus and in the community.

Boys Ranch

- Established in 1971, the Boys Ranch serves up to 50 youth on the 500-acre campus located 10 miles northeast of Waco.
- Eight to 10 boys live in each of the four homes. Each home is supervised by a unit manager with a master's degree in social work or other human services field and staffed by live-in home parents.
- Youth participate in a work and equestrian program that help them develop discipline, a strong work ethic and self-confidence. They also participate in various recreational activities at the Boys Ranch, on the Waco campus and in the community.

MCH School

- Residents of the Waco campus and the Boys Ranch attend MCH Charter School which is located on the Waco campus.
- The school is for grades 7-12 operated in partnership with the University of Texas–University Charter School (UT-UCS).
- Students whose educational needs cannot be met by UT-UCS will be enrolled in a school in the community that meets or exceeds the educational requirements established by the Texas Education Agency.

Spiritual Development

- All youth from both the Waco campus and the Boys Ranch attend chapel services on the Waco campus.
- MCH offers a comprehensive spiritual development program to meet the spiritual needs of students and staff. Activities include worship services, Bible study and discipleship classes as well as opportunities to serve through mission trips and a praise band.

Transition Services

- MCH has dedicated case management staff assigned to help our youth make the transition to independence.
- MCH provides case management services and scholarship funds for eligible graduates who pursue advanced education in a community college, university or vocational school.
- MCH provides aftercare services for former residents during times of need. Aftercare services help young people acquire the skills needed to maintain stable housing, employment, access to healthcare and good citizenship.
- MCH offers a 12-18 month independent living program for graduating seniors who need additional support in making the transition from MCH to independence.