



Methodist Children's Home
Offering Hope Since 1890

Admissions

Admissions Policies

- Families can receive admissions information by calling MCH directly or through referrals from ministers, counselors, social workers or psychologists familiar with the family's situation.
- MCH serves children and youth regardless of race, religion or financial status.
- Staff members in MCH Family Outreach offices can assist with referrals. Offices are located in Abilene, Bryan/College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Killeen, Lubbock, San Antonio, Tyler, and Waco; and in Albuquerque and Las Cruces, N.M.
- When an inquiry is made, the admissions staff conducts a phone interview with the family to gather information about the child. If MCH determines we can meet the needs of the child, the family will receive additional information to complete the admissions process.
- If MCH is unable to assist a family with placement, efforts are made to refer the family to other sources of potential help.

Ways MCH Helps Families

- The primary goals for every child are to improve communication, trust and understanding within the family.
- Skilled social workers and other child care staff attempt to build positive relationships with youth as they offer love, compassion and a supportive living environment.

Children MCH Can Help

- Children ages birth through 18 whose needs are consistent with agency licensing standards and admissions criteria are eligible for care.
- MCH serves youth, ages 10-18, through residential group care on the Waco campus and Boys Ranch. Provision may also be made for younger children as part of sibling groups.

For More Information

- To arrange an initial phone screening to determine eligibility for admission to a residential program, contact the admissions office at **800-964-9226** (toll-free) or **254-750-1237**.

MCH works directly with families dealing with the following challenges:

- **Family hardship:** MCH can help improve difficult circumstances a family might endure resulting from parent-child conflict, behavioral or emotional issues, or a variety of other problems that can affect a child's development;
- **School-related issues:** MCH is ideal for youth grades 6-12 who need specialized educational services coupled with a supportive residential community to help them succeed in school;
- **Homelessness:** MCH serves older youth who are struggling to stay in school due to unstable living arrangements or homelessness. Youth ages 16-18 who do not live with their parents and manage their own financial affairs can consent to receive care at MCH at no cost.

