

# The Villages, Inc.

conserving youth preserving nature

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The Villages provides emotionally supportive homes and families to children and youth in need. The 'Villages kids' come from all referral sources - JJA and CINC - and can be any age from 6-18+. (most are teenagers)

The Villages homes are parented by live-in house parents who provide support, structure and experiences based on the needs and the case plan for each individual. Each of the seven large comfortable family homes can accommodate up to 10 youth. Three homes are for boys and 4 are coed. Each home has an assigned social worker whose maximum caseload is the 10 youth in that home.

The house parents and social worker team up to determine which youth are a match for their skills and for the other youth in the home. The result is that there are 7 homes at The Villages with 7 different groups of youth and a variety of approaches.

The Villages has long supported youth to re-engage with school and has helped even severely disengaged youth complete high school and go on to college. The Villages homes, however, do accept youth working on their GED or already attending vo-tech or who need credit recovery assistance. Youth in need of treatment for mental health or substance abuse can be connected with an outstanding array of community resources.

The Villages W.Clement Stone Nature Center can provide nature education or adventure challenge programs to groups from any organization including yours!

