A Place for Learning and Fun

In the spring of 2012, Saint Louis County Government’s Youth Programs opened the doors of The Center for Youth on the Rise in Spanish Lake. Several years in the making, the center brings together local community leaders, partner organizations and the County’s dedicated staff to address a gap in opportunities for positive youth development in this region. Today, youth have a trusted resource for accessing support services through our partner agencies, including: Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and Parkway Area Adult Education and Literacy. This project would not have been possible without financial investments by Saint Louis County’s Human Services and Planning Departments and the Saint Louis County Children’s Services Fund.

A Safe Place
As a participating agency of the National Safe Place Program, during open business hours, youth can seek immediate help and safety at The Center in emergencies.

12079 Bellefontaine Road
Spanish Lake, Missouri 63138
Next to Belle Park Plaza

OPEN DROP-IN HOURS
Monday-Friday 1:00—5:30 pm

APPOINTMENTS
Monday-Friday  8:30 am—12 pm
Please call for an appointment.
Closed 12—1 pm

(314) 615-0221

TO REACH THE CENTER BY BUS:
MetroBus Route 78
http://tripplanner.metrostlouis.org

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Activities and Services
Youth ages 12 to 19 are welcome! We offer the following activities and access to service at The Center at no cost.

Drop-in!
We provide a safe, supervised environment so students can:
- Hang out
- Do homework
- Access computers and internet
- Play board and video games
- Talk to case managers and staff for support
- Grab a nutritious meal or snack

Structured programming is provided during school year breaks (spring, summer, winter) and Drop-in to give students the opportunity to:
- Stay active and engaged to increase school success
- Develop life skills
- Make new friends
- Try new activities
- Eat lunch with friends

Youth Specialist Case Management
Services to meet the individualized needs of our students can include:
- Academic support
- Job preparation
- Resume building
- College exploration
- Social skills building
- Personal finance skills
- Independent life skills
- Crisis intervention

Our Partnerships
Counseling Services
Our comprehensive counseling services include individual and family counseling, support groups, as well as access to mental health professionals and substance abuse treatment. We partner with Behavioral Health Response and Preferred Family Health Care.

Education Services
In collaboration with Parkway Area Adult Education and Literacy, County Youth Programs help out-of-school youth ages 17-23 prepare for the High School equivalency test through prep classes and supportive services.

Legal Assistance
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri offers free legal assistance to youth ages 17-23 with civil matters and with the Youth and Family Advocacy Program.

Our Mission
Saint Louis County’s Department of Human Services is committed to providing the support, service, and resources that help individuals of all ages live safely, productively and independently.

Our Values
Customer Centered
We are committed to our customers by providing a supportive environment with honest and respectful communication, timely response and teamwork that reinforces consistent and effective services.

Respect
We provide an environment that promotes respect, appreciation and support to our customers and our staff.

Teamwork
We collaborate in a respectful and cooperative manner and value the contribution of each staff member as we work together toward achieving our shared mission.