



# Fact Sheet

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME



## Mission Statement

- Methodist Children's Home offers hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing, Christian community.

## History

- Founded in 1890, MCH is a non-profit child care provider affiliated with the seven United Methodist annual conferences in Texas and New Mexico. MCH serves children from diverse backgrounds, without regard to ethnicity, religion or financial status.

## Accreditation

- The Home is licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) and accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA) of Services for Families and Children.

## Residential Group Care

- MCH provides residential group care for 250 youth, ages 12-18, on its Waco campus and Boys Ranch, and through its residential program in Waxahachie.

## Education

- MCH is committed to meeting the individual educational needs of students. Waco campus and Boys Ranch students attend either the MCH charter school or public school.

## Community Services

- The Home serves children, youth and families across Texas and New Mexico through foster care or other family services.
- MCH has outreach offices in Abilene, Bedford, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, Lufkin, San Antonio, Tyler, Waco, and Albuquerque, NM.

## Transition Services

- Staff members work with high school students to help them prepare for college or full-time employment.
- MCH also provides support services for former residents, ages 18-25, as they adjust to independent living.
- Residents who graduate from high school while under the care of the Home are eligible to apply for scholarship assistance to attend a state university or college in Texas.

## Prevention Services

- MCH supports grandparents who serve as the primary caregivers for their grandchildren through the Grandparents As Parents Program. Services include case management, parent education, support groups and limited financial assistance.
- MCH provides case management and support services to families in crisis.

## MCH AT-A-GLANCE

The Waco campus is located on 130 acres in the northwest part of the city. The Boys Ranch is located 10 miles north-east of Waco.

MCH serves 1,400 children daily through residential programs, foster care and community services.

The average age of youth in the Home's residential programs is 14 and the average length of stay is 16 months.

Youth receive medical care from the nursing staff at the on-campus clinic and local physicians.

The University of Texas Charter School at MCH consistently earns high ratings from the Texas Education Agency.

