

Ozone House Youth Shelter

The Ozone House Youth Shelter, Safe Stay, is a six bed, short-term emergency shelter service for youth between the ages of 10 and 17 years old. The shelter is available for youth who are at risk for running away or who are experiencing family conflict, peer conflict, mental illness, abuse, neglect or other stressful situations. The goal of the Youth Shelter is to provide youth with a safe and stable environment in which they can work with their families to begin to reduce conflict, strengthen relationships, and improve functioning. The maximum shelter stay is two weeks.

Quick Facts about the Youth Shelter

- ★ All services are free, voluntary and confidential.
- ★ A young person must have consent from a parent or guardian to stay in the shelter.
- ★ The shelter is supervised 24 hours each day by trained staff.
- ★ Families are required to be involved in services while a young person is in the shelter.
- ★ Youth and their parents/guardians make a choice about attending school while they are at the shelter. The Education Coordinator works with schools to coordinate educational services or obtain their schoolwork and excuse absences.

Skills youth may learn while at Ozone House

Coping Skills	Sex Education
Anger Management	Nutrition
Family Communication	Decision Making
Healthy Relationships	Study Skills
Substance Abuse Prevention	Education

Ozone House 24 Hour Crisis Line: 662-2222

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I figure out if the shelter is a good idea for my child or for another young person I know?

- The first step is to call Ozone House at (734) 662-2222 and talk with a Crisis Counselor about your situation. If the youth is able to call or be present when you call, this is the most helpful as the Crisis Counselor can talk directly with the youth about her or his situation.

What do young people do all day when they are at Ozone House?

- There is a structured schedule that begins at 9am each day and includes meal times, skills groups, therapy groups, individual counseling, homework time, art projects, free time and an outing each evening.

What if I want my child to stay at Ozone House and she or he doesn't want to?

- All Ozone House services are voluntary, and youth have the right to refuse any services. No one can be forced to stay at the Youth Shelter.

Can anyone between 10 and 17 years old who has parental permission stay at the youth shelter?

- Ozone House reserves the right to refuse shelter services for youth who may need a different kind of support than the shelter can provide. If the shelter is not right for your child, you may be referred to other Ozone House services (see below) or services at other agencies.

Can our family get services at Ozone House after our child stays at the shelter OR if our child does not stay at all?

- Yes. Many services are still open for young people and their families. These include individual counseling, family counseling, 24-Hour crisis line, case management, substance-free youth activities and youth volunteering programs.

