Referral is easy. Start by making a call to the Lighthouse Supervisor or Detention Superintendent to begin the process. We’re here to help.

- **Initial Referral Phone Call:** Call must be made by a Probation Officer.
- **Pre-screening Documentation:** School information, offense history, recent court report, any psychological testing, etc.
- **Placement to Ottawa County Juvenile Detention after court order completed.** Low per diem rate until accepted into the program.
- **Screening Process:** Interview of the youth and her family, clinical impression and an assessment.
- **Intake Documentation:** Submitted when youth is approved and placed in facility.
- **Placement of youth in the Lighthouse Program** is coordinated with stakeholders/referral source.

**Contact Us:**

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“Referral Process

For mariners, a lighthouse often represents a beacon of hope when they have ventured off course. A lighthouse is also a critical guide when charting a careful return to port or departure to sea. The Juvenile Services Division of the 20th Circuit Court has launched Lighthouse, a residential program for girls, to offer hope in discovering a deliberate viable, charted course for their futures.”
Lighthouse is located in the American Correctional Association accredited Ottawa County Juvenile Detention Center at 12110 Fillmore Street, West Olive, MI. This secure facility allows the Lighthouse staff to provide a safe environment to encourage stabilization and challenge growth.

The program is a minimum of four months and open to females ages 12-17 under court jurisdiction who are not actively suicidal or pregnant. Females who are 11 years old may also be considered on a case-by-case basis depending upon maturity level. The focus is on stabilization, therapeutic support and strong, interactive guidance.

Lighthouse Values and Principles

- Focus on Strengths and Encourage Growth and Change
- Value the Female Spirit and Advocate for the Needs of the Entire Family
- Invest in Present and Future Goals to Create Opportunities for Success
- Seek Excellence by using the Research Focused Youth Level of Screening Risk Assessment Treatment Tool to Measure Progress

Intensive Therapy Services

Licensed therapists provide highly individualized treatment for female adolescents dealing with trauma, substance abuse, anger and impulse control, self-injurious behaviors, mental health disorders, attachment, parenting conflict and delinquency struggles through:

- Thorough Ongoing Risk/Needs Assessment and Treatment Planning
- Weekly Individual and Family Sessions
- Daily Therapeutic Treatment Group
- Extensive Case Management Services
- Medication Monitoring and Review

Treatment Service Options include: Trauma treatment and interventions (utilizing TF-CBT and SIT-CAP), parenting training, social skill building, anger management, mental health stabilization and treatment using Evidence-Based Practice modules.

Psychodynamic Education

Female specific education is provided three times per week utilizing a curriculum based on the six domains of adolescent development. These domains include: Intellectual, Spiritual, Physical, Emotional, Relational/Familial, and Sexual.

Academic Education

Lighthouse provides academic education through daily instruction and individualized education plans taught by MI Dept. of Ed highly qualified teachers.

Reunification through Outreach Planning in the Community

The Lighthouse program’s ultimate goal is to facilitate the resident’s successful re-integration home with her family and community. The program’s caseworker and therapist work with court staff and family to identify a local support network and resources prior to the girl’s return. On occasion, a girl’s return to her local community and/or family may not be an option or the resident may need a little longer to complete a specific goal in order to complete the program. Thus, the Court offers two options following a review hearing:

- A court-ordered, time-limited extension.
- The Juvenile Community Justice (JCJ) program to be used as a step-down program.

Community Reintegration Services

- An authorized school transition teacher connects the girls to their local school for appropriate services and reintegration.
- Case Management services for the girls and their families to connect them with local resources and services.
- Therapist works with the family and the court for future treatment services and medication management. A comprehensive aftercare plan is completed prior to release.
- Home visits can be a part of reintegration into the community but not a requirement.

Where Girls Find Hope and Chart Their Future

The Lighthouse Program:
Specifically Designed for Girls

The Lighthouse Program:
We Provide

The Lighthouse Program:
Reunification through Outreach Planning in the Community