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## Youth Service Bureau

# YSB

### of Illinois Valley



*A child welfare agency serving  
20 counties in northern Illinois*

“Helping young people and families  
succeed by serving them in their  
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### Office Locations

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Available in LaSalle County.

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# How We Help Children and Families...



Counties Served by YSB  
(Outlined in Black)

## Youth Service Bureau of Illinois Valley (YSB)

- An independent, 501(c)(3) community based child welfare agency established in 1976, currently providing services to over 3,000 children and families in 20 counties in North Central Illinois.
- Serving low-income, abused-neglected children and young people ages 0-24. Most children and youth are rated as “high-risk” meaning exposed to alcohol abuse, drug abuse and domestic violence. Many have become victims of neglect and abuse due to these conditions.

Over the years, many of YSB’s funding streams have been decreased and some totally eliminated. YSB is committed to children and families and works to depend less on State and Federal funding and seeks dedicated funding within the communities it serves.

## YSB Mission Statement:

“Helping young people and families succeed by serving them in their home, school and community”

### Foster Care

A program for children **in state custody** who are unable to remain safely in their home. Children in foster care stay with a family who provides safety, nurturing, support and role models for change. Foster care is meant to be a temporary, short term solution to an emergency situation. Foster placement may be for a single day or several weeks and some continue for years. (Available in 20 counties)

### Children First

For divorcing parents **who have been mandated by a Family Court Judge in the 13th Judicial Circuit of Illinois** to participate in an educational program regarding problems and issues of divorce when children are involved. (Available at YSB offices in Ottawa, LaSalle and Princeton)

### Outreach Counseling

Serves youth and their families dealing with family conflict, peer relations, delinquency, truancy and personal problems experienced during adolescence. Services are provided on a no decline basis, and open to all residents. YSB provides this service in the home, school, and community. (Available in LaSalle, Putnam, Bureau, Stark, and Marshall Counties)

### Runaway and Homeless Youth

A 24 hour crisis intervention program which provides services to runaway youth, and youth that are homeless. Temporary foster care may be used as well as mediation and short term counseling. (Available in LaSalle, Putnam, Bureau, Stark and Marshall counties)

### Intensive Placement Stabilization

Provides various services to assist in stabilizing a child in foster care placement. (Available in LaSalle, Bureau, Marshall, Putnam and Stark counties)

### Intact Family Services

A program established by the **Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)** meant to provide reasonable efforts to preserve families to enable children to remain safely at home and avoid separation and/or placement of the children. (**Referrals by DCFS only** in Bureau, Du Page, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam, Stark, McHenry and Winnebago counties)

### Street Outreach

For young adults ages 16-23 years of age who are living in unstable and non-traditional living arrangements. Youth are linked to area services, taught independent living skills, and aided in finding jobs. It is the goal of YSB to keep youth off the streets and safe. (Available in LaSalle, Putnam, Bureau, Stark and Marshall counties).

### Transitional Living Program

Homeless youth (ages 16-21) are helped in finding safe and stable living accommodations and services that provide basic life skills, job searching, mental health services and educational opportunities to make a successful transition to self-sufficient living. (Available in LaSalle, Putnam, Bureau, Stark and Marshall counties).

### Redeploy Illinois

Redeploy Illinois was created in 2004 by the General Assembly to provide services to youth at risk of commitment to the Illinois Department of Corrections. The program is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services. LaSalle County is one of 9 Redeploy sites in the state. Youth Service Bureau provides intensive services to these youth and their families, thus reducing the incidence of criminal recidivism in our community and incarceration of adolescents in the Illinois prison system. **Referrals are made by the LaSalle County Juvenile State’s Attorney’s office and the LaSalle County Juvenile Probation Department.**

### Second Chance

Second Chance provides services to youth who would otherwise be removed from their homes and communities due to high-risk, unmanageable behavior. These adolescents have demonstrated significant emotional concerns which may include mental health and trauma issues. Intensive services are provided to the youth and their families through Youth Service Bureau. The program is funded through the LaSalle County 708 Board. **Referrals are made by the LaSalle County Juvenile State’s Attorney’s office and the LaSalle County Juvenile Probation Department.**

### Solutions Counseling

Offers intensive out-patient and mental health therapy treatment by Master degreed and licensed therapists trained in child and family centered intervention; Includes individual, marital and family counseling. **Counseling is available for Children and Adults and most insurance companies are accepted.** (Available in the following offices: LaSalle, Ottawa, Princeton and Streator).

### Hope House

Provides supervised visitation and exchange for children in homes with a history of domestic violence, sexual abuse, stalking or child abuse. The focus is to keep all parties safe. (Available in LaSalle county)

### Youth Giving Back

Community Services/Restitution works closely with local courts, Peer Courts, Police Departments and Juvenile Probation to involve young people in meaningful work projects to “pay back” their community for petty delinquent offenses. (Available in LaSalle County)

### Hispanic Services

Provides families with information in Spanish and links them to services in Spanish. Includes collaboration with Illinois Valley Community College literacy programs. (Available in Bureau, DeKalb, Grundy, LaSalle, Lee and Putnam counties)

### Traditional Parenting Program

Provides parents the opportunity to enhance their parenting skills, set appropriate expectations and limits. Clients must be 21 years of age or older. **Referrals are made by the following: DCFS, Probation, self, Churches and Community.** (Available in Rockford, Freeport and Belvidere)

### M.I.S.T.E.R. Parenting Program

A parenting empowerment program, culturally based for African-American fathers. The goal is to increase the number of intact families and help fathers recognize their significant role as core to the success of the family unit, clients must be 18 years or older. (Available in Rockford and Freeport)

