

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

At Virginia Home for Boys and Girls, we believe all children deserve to grow up surrounded by a loving, nurturing family in a safe, supportive community. All children deserve the encouragement, protection and sense of belonging that come from a stable family environment within a safe community. Above all, a healthy family is critical to every child's ability to live a successful life.

## HISTORY

Since 1846, when we were founded as the Richmond Male Orphan Society, Virginia Home for Boys and Girls has provided enduring care, stability, and support to generations of Virginia's children in crisis. While we began as an orphanage for boys, we are now a comprehensive child and family services organization with group homes, an alternative school, and an outpatient clinic for boys and girls with emotional and behavioral health challenges.

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VIRGINIA HOME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

family ▶ teaching ▶ healing

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## BECAUSE FAMILY IS EVERYTHING

The Teaching-Family Model, an evidence-based model of care that works across the full continuum of home, school and clinic-based service settings, offers a framework for providing quality services in each of our program areas. Qualified and trained teaching parents provide services in a therapeutic environment, building strong relationships with the children. The Teaching-Family approach is characterized by the belief that children belong in nurturing, family-style environments and features a strong commitment to preserving, maintaining, and reunifying the family unit.





## GROUP CARE

Located on the only Teaching-Family Model accredited site in Virginia, our group homes offer family-style living with supportive services for boys and girls ages 11-17. Trained Teaching-Parents use the highly successful evidence-based Teaching-Family Model to help the children develop into responsible and caring adults.

- ▶ Social and problem-solving skills development
- ▶ Individualized treatment planning to meet specific needs of youth including academic development, behavioral support, therapy, community involvement, and family integration
- ▶ Recreational activities and community service projects
- ▶ On-site health, psychiatric, and clinical services
- ▶ Independent living preparation



## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Our alternative school, John G. Wood (JGW), is just the right size to teach students with emotional and behavioral concerns that impact their academic success. Small student-teacher ratios accommodate individual learning styles with a goal to transition students back to their public school as soon as possible.

JGW includes a broad range of courses for children in kindergarten through grade 12 and Extended School Year (ESY) services are available during the summer. Some residents of VHBC's group homes attend JGW in addition to students who commute from multiple localities in the Richmond region.

JGW is licensed by the Virginia DOE, accredited by VAISEF, and aligned with Virginia SOLs. Teachers and trained behavior specialists incorporate the Teaching-Family Model into the curriculum. Students take a full range of academic courses that include Career/Technical Education (CTE) classes, online courses and electives with the ability to earn or work toward a Standard, Alternative, or General Education Diploma (GED). Self-contained classrooms are also available for more intensive support.

Students get physical activity through the use of our gymnasium, playing fields, swing set equipment, and indoor recreation room. Each child receives the support they need to be successful including a JGW uniform, school supplies, and lunch/snack every day.

Some additional opportunities we offer:

- ▶ Individual and group counseling as needed
- ▶ Educational outings
- ▶ Community volunteer projects
- ▶ Richmond Alternative School Sports League (RASSL)



## THERAPEUTIC RESOURCES

Our outpatient clinic provides a continuum of community-based care to meet the needs of the youth we serve on campus, as well as those residing in surrounding communities.

For youth engaged in other campus based programs, our licensed clinicians provide individual, group, and family therapy that is individually tailored and trauma-informed in order to help youth dealing with a range of emotional and behavioral issues. Services are strengthened through coordination with our on-campus nursing and psychiatry staff.

For community youth or those youth stepping down from other programs, we offer:

- ▶ Outpatient Counseling
- ▶ Intensive In-Home Counseling
- ▶ Home Based Counseling
- ▶ Mentoring
- ▶ Psychiatric Care

These services help families solve problems within the context of their families, rather than through placement outside of the home. One-on-one support and guidance is offered to children and their family to keep them together and safe in the community.



### family our belief

Every child deserves to grow up surrounded by a loving, nurturing family in a safe, supportive community.

### teaching our model

In the home, classroom, and the community, we reinforce positive family dynamics and teach essential behavioral and life skills.

### healing our impact

We help children and families learn to heal. Through healing we break the cycle of family dysfunction for generations to come.

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