

## YOUTH SERVICES



The Social Development Commission's Youth Services offers several programs for Milwaukee County youth and their families. These programs help young people make positive life choices that build character and strengthen families as a whole.

**Our Approach:** SDC uses an integrated case management approach when working with youth and families. This means that when a case manager works with a young person, all the important people impacting the child's life work together to help the child reach established goals.







Case managers assess the needs of each young person and make appropriate internal and external referrals. SDC staff also use an assessment tool to address the following:

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Legal, Education, Nutrition Needs
- Parenting and Financial Education

Once a case manager completes an assessment, staff creates an Individual Service Plan to address short- and long-term goals.

SDC Youth Services offers recreational activities including flag football and basketball leagues.

SDC staff conduct workshops at schools or at SDC sites to focus on the following topics:

Conflict Resolution, Anti-Bullying, Communication, High Risk Behavior and Parenting.

SDC also administers the Youth and Family Services program funded by the Department of Justice. This program is a preventative tool for youth, ages 8-19 who are at risk of gang involvement.

Other Youth Services programs include job trainings and job placement.

**Empowering Milwaukee County residents** with the resources to move beyond poverty.

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