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**About Anaya Partnership**

The name Anaya comes from a Hebrew word that means “answered prayer”. Anaya Partnership is a community-based program of Youth Villages for youth with challenging behaviors and families needing support to address these behavioral and emotional challenges. Families in Memphis who are experiencing challenges can receive hope and help – a kind of answered prayer – through the much-needed services of the Anaya Partnership. It is our hope that we can be a part of the solution for families facing problems with their children by providing resources and services to their youth and families.

Anaya Partnership works with a large number of locally-based schools, approximately 70 schools at at time. Anaya Partnership services can include assessment, family counseling services, YVLifeSet services and short-term respite care.

**What we do:**

Anaya Partnership provides in-home and school-based counseling services typically two to three times per week with families and are on call for emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Referrals typically comes from teachers, school counselors, social workers or coaches. Volunteers in community-based programs can also make referrals for the youth involved in their program.

Our intervention specialists work with families and youth to identify the reasons for the challenges and problems they are facing. Specialists then assist families with creating a plan of action to address the behaviors and/or problems, and they help them locate resources and practice new ways of solving problems. All of the services provided by Anaya Partnership are designed to assist individuals and families with achieving their goals and living successfully.

**Anaya Partnership Services:**

**Assessment**

All families referred to the Anaya Partnership receive a thorough assessment to help determine if they can benefit from any of the Anaya services, and if so, which ones. The assessment and all services are free of charge.

**Family Counseling Services**

Some 83 percent of the young people who have completed our in-home family counseling program continue to be successful in the home. Counselors come into the home multiple times each week and help the child and family address a wide range of emotional and behavioral problems. Parents and other family members are full partners in the process of change, addressing individual, family, peer, school and community issues.

**Short-term Respite Care**  
The Anaya Partnership can step in to provide short-term respite care (two to five days) for youth who are involved in family conflict and may have to temporarily leave their homes. Respite allows both the family and young person a cooling-off period so they can think through problems and make good decisions. Respite care is provided in therapeutic foster homes or Youth Villages emergency shelter.

**YVLifeSet Program**

Anaya Partnership also provides services to assist with the transition from adolescence to adulthood for individuals age 17-22. Although we do not provide housing directly, we assist in helping young adults locate and maintain housing, employment and/or complete their education.

**Referral Process:**

* Families and/or youth should be notified of the availability of Anaya Partnership services by the referring agency.
* An assessment will be completed on all referrals to determine appropriate service and level of intensity.
* Assessments can be completed with representatives of the referring agency present.
* Counselors will remain in contact with referring agency staff on a regular basis throughout course of treatment.

**Link to FAQ**

**For more information or to make a referral, please**

901.252.1275 | [anaya.referrals@youthvillages.org](mailto:anaya.referrals@youthvillages.org)

**What to Expect:**

1. The referral process is the first step.  Youth are referred to the Anaya Partnership by our community partners.  Click here for a complete list of our community partners (note from Susan: we can discuss this further—still not sure we should publish the specific list or not since it changes often)
2. Once referred to the Anaya Partnership, all families receive a thorough assessment to help determine if they can benefit from any of the Anaya Partnerships services, and if so, which ones.
3. The Anaya Partnership leadership team determines if the need fits the services that we can provide. A Family Intervention Specialists is assigned and will contact the family. If the need does not fit the services that Anaya Partnership can provide, we will follow up with the family and make recommendations to other community organizations/resources that could better meet their need.

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**What does the Anaya Partnership cost?**

The program is free to our community partner participants. Our community partners can make the official referral or you can contact Anaya Partnership directly (see contact information) to make the referral request. If families have TennCare and the youth qualifies for services, this can also be utilized to pay for services.

**Does the Anaya Partnership provide any financial support or housing?**

The Anaya Partnership does not directly provide financial support or housing but will work with families in need to connect them to community partners or resources.

**What is In-Home Family Counseling?**

Anaya Partnership’s Family Intervention Specialists come into the home two-three times each week and help the child and family address a wide range of emotional and behavioral problems. Parents and other family members are full partners in the process of change, addressing individual, family, peer, school and community issues. Specialists usually visit the school once a week to ensure that progress is being made both at home and at school.

**What is YVLifeSet?**

YVLifeSet services help young people aged 17 to 22 make a successful transition to young adulthood and independent living. A transition specialist meets with the young person every week, helping him or her to continue with education, obtain affordable housing, find and keep a job and take care of health needs.