

# LINK CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER

Client “J” was taken from an abusive environment by the police. He had been chained to a chair, beaten and starved. “J” was 14 years of age. While the Department of Human Services searched for an appropriate relative or foster home for “J” to be placed in, he remained at the Link as a safe haven. “J” was always hungry while he was at the Link. He was given a “pocketful” of food for him to eat at any time he wanted. He was also provided a bedroom, clean clothes, daily showers, and counseling to help him cope with the years of abuse and trauma he had endured. The Link helped Joe to make the first steps toward a future without violence and abuse.

Another Client relates the following:

“Well, I’ll tell you, if it hadn’t been for the Link, I am not sure what we would have done. But I reached out somewhere and someone told me to call the Link because they have a crisis center for youth. If it wasn’t for getting “P” into the Link and letting him deal with what was going on and starting him off on the right foot, it would have been really, really tough. I don’t know how we would have gotten by.”

“Daniel also offered positive social skill help so there were things you, you know after the anxiety all settled down and the anger went away, it was only anxiety he was having a hard time relating to the kids at school. Daniel offered him a lot of feedback.”



## Community Impact of the Link Center

### 2009 Outcomes

- 90% of all youth served returned home or to a suitable living environment consistent to the youth’s desire of the parents/guardians decision.
- 80% of youth/families served indicated that the presenting problem has improved or resolved.
- Less than 30% of families served was involved with Children’s Protective Services at the 90 and 180 Day follow-up.
- 75% of youth avoided incidents of running away at the 90 and 180 follow-ups.
- 80% of parents reported no substance abuse of the youth at the 90 and 180 day follow-ups.
- 65% of youth served identified a new skill, believe or attitude they learned while at the Link.

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