

Coosa Valley Youth Services

Attention Home



"Turning Lives Around, One Child at a Time"

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Dear Family Members,

Welcome to the Attention Home! Please take a moment to read the following information about the Attention Home and what to expect during your child's stay.

While at the Attention Home your child will participate in individual and group counseling, these sessions will help her in meeting some individualized goals that she and the counselor have set. During your child's stay, she will attend school daily and receive the help she needs to maintain her grades and get caught up, if needed, so that when she returns to her public-school setting, she will blend right in. Additionally, while at the Attention Home your child will be learning new skills that will aid her with the behavioral issues that caused her to be court referred to the program. The Attention Home is a Behavior Modification Program, the staff and counselors work side by side to modify the unwanted behaviors that you, teachers, court personnel, etc. are seeing and change those to more positive behaviors. Lastly, is to implement parent training and family counseling.

Once your child reaches Level 2 Week 1, approximately four weeks from intake, she will be eligible for her first weekend home pass. Home passes are a very important part of the Attention Home Program. Home passes help the Counselor, Staff and Program Manager see how well new skills learned will be applied at home and gives family members a way to see changes that have been made too. Home passes must be earned, and it is something that all of the youth in the program look forward to when they earn a pass, so it is very important that all family members are able to pick their child up for passes when earned. If you are anyone in your family is sick and exhibiting any flu or covid symptoms, we do not want to put your child or anyone else in the facility at risk and ask that you call and let us know of that situation. In those cases, your child could earn an additional pass once every family member is well.

During your child's stay at the Attention Home, you will be required to attend family counseling and occasional parent meetings. These sessions/meetings last no longer than an hour and you will be given advance notice. These sessions/meetings are very important to the treatment of your child. In order to see a positive outcome all parties must be willing to work together. It is very helpful during parent meetings to see that other families are going through the same struggles as you and having a counselor to guide you during this time is helpful.

Some questions that come up from time to time:

Can I take my child to the doctor? Yes, however, please try to make those appointments when she is going on a home pass and all appointments must be cleared through the nurse unless they are preset appointments prior to intake. Your child can not tell you she needs a doctor's appointment. If your child needs a doctor's appointment, a staff or the nurse will contact you. If you have any questions, please contact us prior to making the doctor's appointment.

Can I bring outside food? No, not even for their birthday. If your child has shown appropriate behaviors, she MAY be allowed a special outing for her birthday. These outings are only approved by the Program Manager.

Does my child need money? No, but there are field trips, on average, one a month in school. The cost of these trips is anywhere from \$5 to \$25 dollars. There is a permission slip that is to be signed and the money is to be paid at that time. We only accept cash, NO CHECKS.

What if I need assistance? The Attention Home does not have a secretary and we are a 24-hour facility, there are staff in the building or on campus at all times. The staff, at all times are actively supervising the youth and can not always answer the phone, it is important that when you call you **dial ext. 120** for the staff office and leave a message. If a message is not left, the staff will not know who called or to call anyone back. The Program Manager, Counselor and Teacher, typically work business hours and are not in the office on the weekend or holidays, therefore, if you leave a message on their extensions, those messages will not be received by the staff. If you need immediate assistance, please make sure you are dialing **ext. 120** and leaving a message.

What if I can not pick my child up for pass? This happens on rare occasions, life happens, someone is sick, cars break down, extra hours need to be worked, etc. Please call ASAP so your child knows you are not coming.

Respectfully,
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