



Criteria prohibiting admittance in Cunningham's Transitional or Independent Living programs

Youth who exhibit the following specific physical, mental, developmental or functional impairments (emotional and behavioral problems) would not be effectively served in the Transitional or Independent Living Program at Cunningham Children's Home:

- youth who have psychiatric care and psychotropic medication needs that require the dispensing of medication daily
- youth who have severe drug or alcohol issues which require residential treatment or whose primary diagnosis is substance abuse
- youth who have a habitual history of running away or significant risk behaviors while on run or have been out of placement {elopement/whereabouts unknown} for 90+ consecutive days
- youth who are risk of harm to themselves or others as demonstrated by recent or repeated suicidal behavior, self-injurious behavior, aggressive behavior or other clinical indicators
- youth who require daily, 24-hour supervision to ensure safety
- youth who have been placed outside the IDCFS central region and are at a distance from their only sources of social support
- youth who have an IQ below 75 and are unable to be employed due to cognitive deficits
- JSO youth moderate or high risk to reoffend; JSO youth with a safety plan requiring 24-hour supervision or limitations on their employment or community functioning; or youth requiring specific JSO treatment
- youth requiring registration as an adult sexual offender
- youth who have a conviction of arson, diagnosis of Pyromania, or who have participated in fire setting behavior within the past 36 months that willfully caused property damage and/or bodily harm
- youth who have a recent history of psychosis or other psychiatric disturbance which would compromise their ability to live in an independent apartment setting
- youth who due to emotional disturbance or physical disability lack a basic self-care skill which would compromise their ability to live independently (i.e., encopresis, eating disorder, or other self-care related issues)
- youth who have exhibited multiple actions of purposeful, physical harm to others within the past 6 months and demonstrate the inability to bring self-back under control by requiring physical restraint, as evidenced by UIRs and/or court or police records, etc.; and
- youth who have been psychiatrically hospitalized in past six months

For more information about Transitional and Independent Living Program admissions, contact the Intake/Admissions Coordinator at 217.367.3728.