



Methodist Children's Home

Offering Hope Since 1890



Welcome to MCH!

My MCH Contact Information

My Home: _____

Phone: _____

My Unit Manager's Name: _____

Phone: _____

How to Send Mail

You are welcome to send mail at any time. Please address the mail to your child as follows.

WACO CAMPUS

Child's Name
Home Name
Methodist Children's Home
1111 Herring Avenue
Waco, TX 76708

BOYS RANCH

Child's Name
Home Name
MCH Boys Ranch
1439 Methodist Ranch Road
Waco, TX 76705

Methodist Children's Home Handbook

Welcome to Methodist Children's Home. No matter what circumstances brought you here, it is our hope that you will find MCH to be a welcoming place of healing and promise. As you settle in to life at MCH, there are a few things you will want to know about us. Many of those things are addressed in the following pages, but if you have questions or concerns and you do not find the answer here, please contact your unit manager.

This handbook is for both youth and their parents, but we include a section with information specifically designed for parents, families and managing conservators. Please keep this book for your records and consult it if you have questions along the way. We are glad you are here.

For His Children,

The staff of Methodist Children's Home

Mission Statement

Methodist Children's Home offers hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing, Christian community.

Core Values

CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES

Apply the principles of the Christian faith which serve as the foundation of this ministry.

RELATIONSHIPS

Build healthy relationships through communication, respect, trust and love.

RESPONSIBILITY

Be accountable for self and others.

GROWTH

Provide opportunities for spiritual, emotional, physical and intellectual development.

SERVICE

Show compassion through generosity and care.

HOPE

Believe in the possibilities of the future.

12 Strength-Based Principles

1 Greatness is expected of youth, but we recognize that it may occur in their future.

2 Youth should have a sense of hope for the future and feelings of joy every day.

3 Youth have a need for growth. They want to succeed, and they have the power to change and take positive control of their lives.

4 Seeking a higher purpose in our lives is ingrained in everyone. Religious and spiritual expressions are natural parts of our existence.

5 Youth are valued as individuals and accepted where they are in their lives. They should be empowered to participate in decisions that affect their lives. The decisions should be individualized, developmentally appropriate, and made in their best interests.

6 Transformation is accomplished through intentional, meaningful healing relationships that connect us to others.

7 Youth learn values and moral courage by interacting with and observing staff they respect and admire, and who are kind, nurturing, and caringly set limits and boundaries.

8 Our community helps youth identify and nurture their individual strengths and assets. Involvement in our community is an essential element for positive growth.

9 Achievement based on real accomplishments is necessary for development. Our community should provide a variety of opportunities for youth to develop and utilize their strengths.

10 Crisis is viewed as a normal part of growth. Crisis provides opportunities to mentor, teach, coach, guide, and empower, as well as to learn.

11 Serving others is essential in helping youth heal the pain in their lives.

12 We should be committed to each other and to each other's success. We should demonstrate responsibility and accountability in all of our decisions and actions.

Youth Responsibilities

Methodist Children's Home is committed to providing you with the most nurturing home environment possible. MCH believes that you should be provided with clear expectations as well as age-appropriate privileges. These expectations and privileges are based on your developmental level, previous experiences and current behavior. Student expectations and privileges are consistent with the MCH Core Values and Strength-Based Principles.

Student Expectations

Student expectations are daily guidelines for behavior and responsibilities within the home and the community. You are expected to:

- treat yourself, peers and staff with respect.
- cooperate with MCH staff.
- abide by program rules, guidelines and procedures.
- attend school, church and other scheduled programs.
- accept adult leadership and follow directions.
- participate in your Plan of Service.
- report abuse, neglect or other violation of rights to the proper staff or authorities.
- report harmful behavior toward peers by other peers or staff.
- utilize opportunities for self-growth through various learning opportunities.
- make good choices and decisions.
- prepare for your future and transition into adult living.
- develop morals, values, integrity and ethics.
- contribute to your home and community.
- build and maintain healthy, constructive relationships with family and others.
- express emotions appropriately.
- be accountable to yourself as well as your peers and the MCH community.



Youth Responsibilities

Methodist Children's Home offers a comprehensive program of care to meet your physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs in the safety of a nurturing, Christian community. At MCH you will learn how to develop and maintain healthy relationships with both adults and peers. You will also have many opportunities to learn and practice the skills that will prepare you for success throughout your life. By becoming a student at Methodist Children's Home you are committing to follow the guidelines established for our community and to give your best to achieve your goals.

Basic Rules

As a student at Methodist Children's Home you are responsible for following four basic guidelines. These should guide you in your personal behavior, relationships with your peers and relationships with your family members and other adults.

Be safe.

Be respectful.

Be responsible.

Be helpful.

MCH Life Skills

You will also be given many opportunities to learn and practice the ten MCH Life Skills. These ten life skills will empower you to have control over your own life and prepare you for success now and after you leave MCH. You will learn how to get your needs met in a socially acceptable way; how to be a good student and a good worker; and how to develop and maintain healthy relationships with others. The MCH Life Skills are:

Use Good Words to Communicate

Be Gentle and Kind

Show Respect

Listen and Learn

Understand Who is in Charge

Accept Decisions of Authority

Make Good Choices

Focus and Finish Your Work

Negotiate and Compromise

Build Trusting Relationships



Volunteer Service



Building Relationships

Youth Privileges

Privileges are opportunities for you to learn appropriate boundaries with peers and adults, as well as socially acceptable behavior and self-control. MCH has developed a list of age-appropriate privileges that provide opportunities for you to make acceptable choices while ensuring all residents are appropriately supervised. Your caregivers are responsible for monitoring the appropriateness of the privileges afforded to you while at MCH, and they will make adjustments to meet your needs, when necessary.

Student privileges may be temporarily removed or limited as a consequence of misbehavior. Temporary restriction or limitations of a privilege will be documented in your student file and will be consistent with the MCH discipline policy.



Summer Camp at Glen Lake

Steps to Success

The Steps to Success program is designed to help students learn to appropriately give care, receive care, develop autonomy and negotiate with others. The program is self-paced and students move forward by demonstrating their ability to meet the expectations of each step. Residents are given more independence as they advance in the program. The level of supervision provided at any step may be adjusted for an individual student whenever necessary.



Making new friends



Strengthening Talents

Daily Living Guidelines

Clothing

While preferences in styles of dress may vary, all members of the Methodist Children's Home community are expected to dress appropriately at all times and demonstrate respect for themselves, others and MCH.

In general, Methodist Children's Home adheres to a more traditional and conservative form of dress. You are responsible for following the MCH dress code while in our care. MCH may impose additional and/or stricter guidelines in individual cases, when needed.

Public Displays of Affection

Public displays of affection toward others should always be respectful and appropriate to the situation. Intimate and intense public displays of affection are not appropriate at Methodist Children's Home or MCH events. Some examples of appropriate public displays of affection include side hugs and hand holding.



MCH Prom



Worship Services

Spiritual Development

Methodist Children's Home accepts youth regardless of religious beliefs or background. While spiritual development and participation in religious services and activities is an integral part of the residential programs offered by Methodist Children's Home, you will not be coerced into making any religious decision.

Regular worship services are offered on the Waco campus for youth residing on the Waco campus and at the Methodist Children's Home Boys Ranch. You are expected to attend these services unless attendance at another church is indicated based on your individual spiritual needs.

A variety of voluntary spiritual development programs such as choir, summer camps and mission trips are also offered. All worship services and religious education programs provided by Methodist Children's Home are conducted in accordance with the principles and practices of the United Methodist Church.

Daily Living Guidelines

School

Residents from the Waco campus and the Boys Ranch attend Methodist Children's Home School (MCHS) which is located on the Waco campus. MCHS is a charter school operated in partnership with the University of Texas-University Charter School. MCHS offers credit recovery courses and some students attend dual credit courses through McLennan Community College and Texas State Technical College.

As a student at MCHS, you will have opportunities to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities and academic, fine arts and vocational agriculture competitions. MCHS is a member of the Texas Christian Athletic League and competes in six-man football, volleyball, basketball, cross country and track and field.

Trips Away from the Facility

Youth placed at a Methodist Children's Home facility participate in a wide variety of social, recreational, cultural, educational and religious activities in the community. At the time of admission, your family authorizes MCH to provide transportation for you. Overnight trips away from the facility require the permission of an administrator. Trips out of state require the approval of the Vice President for Programs.



Personal Possessions

You are allowed to bring personal possessions from home within limits and within the guidelines of the program. All personal possessions must be appropriate for a group living setting. Personal possessions that are harmful, disruptive or prohibited by program rules are not allowed. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, furniture; mattresses; motor vehicles; weapons of any kind; fireworks; and games, movies or music that are rated restricted, mature, come with a parental advisory label or are deemed inappropriate for minors.

Methodist Children's Home discourages you from bringing items that would present a significant loss to you if the item was damaged or lost. Methodist Children's Home assumes no responsibility for the return or replacement of lost, damaged or stolen items.



Youth Rights

Methodist Children's Home will not discriminate against any individual whose needs can be met in an MCH facility or program. Admission to any Methodist Children's Home facility or program is based upon the applicant's need and the ability of MCH to meet that need. All applicants are eligible without regard to race, religion, national origin or sexual orientation. All youth admitted to an MCH facility have the following rights.

You have the right to:

- appropriate care and treatment in the least restrictive setting available that can meet your needs.
- know the reason(s) for placement and what MCH staff and volunteers will do to help you during your placement.
- be provided information about rules and expectations while in placement.
- question decisions made concerning your care and file a grievance if you feel you have been treated unfairly, discriminated against or that your rights have been violated.
- have your physical, emotional, developmental, educational, social and religious needs met.
- freedom from abuse, neglect and exploitation as defined in Texas Family Code §261.401.
- freedom from any harsh, cruel, unusual, unnecessary, demeaning or humiliating punishment such as being shaken; being subjected to corporal punishment; being threatened with corporal punishment; losing placement; performing any unproductive work; being denied food, sleep, toileting facilities, mail or family visits; and being subjected to remarks that belittle or ridicule you or your family.
- discipline that is appropriate to your age and developmental level.
- explanations of individual restrictions or disciplinary consequences when the measures are imposed.
- a humane environment, including any treatment environment, that provides reasonable protection from harm and appropriate privacy for personal needs.
- receive educational services appropriate to your age and developmental level.
- receive training in personal care, hygiene, and grooming.
- reasonable opportunities to participate in community functions including recreational and social activities.



Enjoying the beautiful campus

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Youth Rights

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- adequate personal clothing suitable to your age and size, and comparable to the clothing of other youth in the community.
- have personal possessions while in placement, and to acquire additional possessions as long as these possessions are not harmful, disruptive or prohibited by program rules.
- provision of adequate protective clothing against natural elements such as rain, snow, wind, sun and insects.
- maintain regular contact with family members including siblings, unless such contact is not in your best interest or is restricted by court order.
- send and receive uncensored mail, have telephone conversations and have visitors, unless such contact is not in your best interest or court order necessitates restrictions.
- hire independent mental health-care professionals, medical professionals and attorneys at your own expense.
- compensation for any work done for MCH as part of your Plan of Service or vocational training, with the exception of routine assigned duties that relate to your living environment, such as cleaning your room or other chores, or work assigned as a disciplinary measure.
- have personal earnings, allowances, possessions and gifts as personal property as long as they are not harmful, disruptive or prohibited by program rules.
- communicate in a language, or any other means, that is understandable to you.
- confidential care and treatment. Information will not be released to any persons outside of MCH, or to an outside agency, without prior approval from your family or managing conservator.
- consent in writing before participating in any publicity or fundraising activity for Methodist Children's Home, including the use of your photograph.
- not be required to make public statements acknowledging gratitude to MCH.
- not receive unnecessary/excessive medication.
- have a comprehensive Plan of Service that addresses your needs, including transition and discharge planning.
- participate in the planning and review of your Plan of Service within the limits of your comprehension and ability to manage the information.
- receive emotional, mental health or chemical dependency treatment separate from adults (other than young adults) who are receiving services.
- receive appropriate treatment for physical problems that affect your care or safety.
- report abuse, neglect, exploitation or violation of your personal rights without fear of punishment, interference, coercion or retaliation.

Additional Youth Information

Special Request for Assistance

Methodist Children's Home provides a grievance system that allows you and/or your parents or managing conservator to question decisions made concerning you, services provided to you, and/or concerns about potential violations of your rights. You have the right to appeal to the director of your program area and ultimately to the president of Methodist Children's Home if you feel your treatment is unfair, discriminatory or unhelpful.

You are empowered to resolve your grievances prior to completing a Special Request for Assistance (SRA) form. When this is not possible or a resolution is unable to be made without further assistance, you are asked to describe how you feel your rights have been violated on the special request for assistance form. SRA forms are posted for easy student access at all times. The forms are also available in your home unit through your caseworker, unit manager or other staff members. You may turn them in to any child care worker or staff member, or place them in one of our many drop boxes. If concerned, parents or managing conservators may also speak directly to a unit manager or administrator.



Time with staff

Guidelines on Discipline

Methodist Children's Home discipline techniques are designed to help you learn what is expected of you and how to get your needs met in a safe and acceptable way. We do not view behavior problems as needing punishment or treatment, but as opportunities to teach life skills and self-regulation techniques. The goal of discipline at MCH is to build trusting relationships that help everyone in our community to feel safe, valued, cared for and connected to others.

Caregivers use proactive strategies to help you learn and practice the skills needed to regulate your own behavior. Caregivers also use natural and logical consequences to correct inappropriate behavior. MCH follows the IDEAL Response that was developed by the Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University when correcting inappropriate behavior. Correction should be:

Immediate (within seconds whenever possible);

Direct to you through eye contact, undivided attention and bringing you nearer to your caregiver;

Efficient (lowest level of response needed and least amount of words to make point clear);

Action-based (you are redirected to better behavior through re-dos and other techniques); and

Leveled at the behavior and not the person (the behavior is rejected, but you are not rejected).

Discipline will not be physically or emotionally damaging. We will not use any harsh, cruel, unusual, unnecessary, demeaning or humiliating discipline. We will not violate any of your rights as a discipline technique.

Emergency Behavior Intervention



Student Awards

We are committed to promoting an environment where conflict resolution and problem solving are taught and reinforced for children and youth. Our program is designed to teach children and youth alternatives to aggressive behavior and to help them learn alternate ways to manage behaviors that are unacceptable in personal relationships and society.

MCH believes that emergency behavior intervention is the last alternative when working with a child who is experiencing emotional upset and is at risk of physical violence to themselves or others. Staff are trained to respond to youth in crisis and to resolve conflict using MCH approved intervention techniques. Less restrictive behavior interventions include verbal redirection, quiet time, peer mediation and brief personal restraint.

In addition, during your admission process, you indicated your de-escalation preferences. Staff are made aware of these and are required to attempt to utilize these prior to the use of restraint.

Staff utilize personal restraints in urgent situations where immediate intervention is needed and the youth has not responded to verbal redirection or it has been ineffective. Urgent situations include external danger that causes imminent significant risk to the youth; behavior that creates a significant disruption in the home, classroom or environment; or behavior that is dangerous to other youths' safety and well being.

Only staff trained in emergency behavior intervention are permitted to initiate or participate in a personal restraint of a youth. We only use physical containments of youth and will not use chemical or mechanical restraints on any youth in care. Staff will discontinue all restraints as soon as you are no longer in danger to yourself or others, or if you become physically distressed.

If you feel that you have been restrained inappropriately, you must report this immediately to the on-call worker or any staff member or by completing an SRA form. After every restraint, staff will meet to review the restraint. You will have an opportunity to make and document comments.



Hanging out with Friends

Parent/Managing Conservator Information

As a parent or guardian of a child being placed at Methodist Children's Home you have decided to enter into a partnership with us. The primary purpose of this partnership is to aid your child and family in achieving goals, build on your child's assets and strengthen family relationships. As a partner with MCH, you will have ongoing responsibilities to both your child and us while your child is in our care.

It has been clearly demonstrated that if youth are to benefit from successful completion of placement, it is imperative that they must have the support of their families and their communities to continue the success following discharge. Family participation in a child's placement is vital. Many resources and opportunities for family participation are available.

Parents are expected to participate actively in their child's program at Methodist Children's Home. This will include contacting their child by phone and/or mail, family conferences, visits to campus, overnight visits, discharge/after care planning, and regular contact with your child and your child's Unit Manager. Methodist Children's Home also periodically provides family educational workshops which focus on family life enrichment and family days.



Campus Recreation



Homecoming



Scheduling classes for the year

Parent/Managing Conservator Information

Residential Program Description

Methodist Children's Home operates two residential programs in the Waco area. The 130-acre Waco campus is the location where MCH began in 1890. The 500-acre Boys Ranch, located 10 miles northeast of Waco, was established in 1971. Both residential programs are licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services as General Residential Operation providing Child Care Services. MCH is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and the Coalition for Residential Education.

MCH offers a relationship-based model of care that provides a wealth of opportunities for youth to discover and develop their talents and skills in a nurturing, Christian community. Services are designed to meet the needs of youth in a family-like setting that engages and involves the family in all aspects of care. MCH provides a place of safety where professional child care staff work to prepare youth for successful adult living.

Eight to ten youth reside in individual homes staffed by either live-in home parents or direct care staff who work eight hour shifts. Each home is managed by a masters level Unit Manager who provides oversight of the home and supervision of the child care staff. Transition services are offered to each graduating senior, and after-care services are available to former residents.

MCH uses a model of care known as Trust Based Relational Intervention®. Developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross at the Texas Christian University Institute of Child Development, TBRI® is an emerging intervention model for a wide range of childhood behavioral problems and based on a solid foundation of research tempered by

humanitarian principles. It is a caregiver based intervention that is designed for children who have experienced relationship-based trauma.

Educational Program Description

Methodist Children's Home is committed to ensuring all residents receive a quality education appropriate to their needs. Residents of the Waco campus and the Boys Ranch attend Methodist Children's Home School (MCHS) which is located on the Waco campus. MCHS is a charter school operated in partnership with the University of Texas-University Charter School which is headquartered in Austin, Texas.

MCHS is regulated by the Texas Education Agency and offers small class size as well as tutoring and other educational supports for students. MCHS also offers onsite computer-based credit recovery courses as well as dual credit courses through McLennan Community College and Texas State Technical College. Students whose educational needs cannot be met by MCHS will be enrolled in a school in the community that meets or exceeds the educational requirements established by the Texas Education Agency.

MCHS students may participate in academic, vocational agriculture and fine art competitions with other schools as well as athletic programs in six-man football, volleyball, basketball, cross country and track and field. MCHS athletic teams compete in the Texas Christian Athletic League.

Parent/Managing Conservator Information

Indian Child Welfare Act Policy

MCH makes every effort to comply with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in its work with children needing out-of-home care. In cases where ICWA is applicable, MCH works collaboratively with tribal social workers in planning and providing for the child's health, safety, well-being and permanency. MCH recognizes tribal court orders and acts and gives them full faith and credit.

Plan of Service Meetings

You and your child will actively participate in the plan of service process where placement goals are established and the plans to meet your child's needs while in placement are developed. The plan of service is reviewed quarterly and you are expected to attend in person. If you are not able to attend in person, your child's unit manager will make arrangements for you to participate by telephone or other electronic communication.

Visitation and Correspondence Guidelines

Methodist Children's Home encourages family contact. Parents and guardians are expected to maintain continued involvement while the child is in placement. Consistent and regular contact with parents and family members is essential to your child's well-being. You can support your child through:

- Home Visits – Monthly weekend visits throughout the year along with visits during the holidays and school breaks are particularly important. Visits are scheduled through your child's unit manager. If distance or family circumstances prevent regular home visits a volunteer mentor may be appropriate.
- On-Campus Visits - Family visits to MCH are recommended and supported by MCH. Visits can be arranged through your child's unit manager.
- Mail and Telephone – Youth and families are encouraged to send and receive phone calls, mail and electronic mail.
- Gifts – Youth are free to give and receive gifts from family and friends. Personal possessions brought to MCH must meet program guidelines.



Parent/Managing Conservator Information

Guidelines For Financial Participation

MCH provides services to children, youth, and families regardless of their ability to pay. Given this, it is our expectation that a parent/managing conservator maintain some type of financial support for their child. Methodist Children's Home, therefore, expects parents and other persons or agencies legally responsible to provide financial support for a child's care.

The amount of payment will be determined at the time of intake and/or admission and is based on the parent's, managing conservator's or agency's ability to pay. Financial planning for the support of the youth will be reviewed as often as necessary. We ask parents/managing conservators to keep Methodist Children's Home fully informed of any changes in their financial circumstances, which influence their ability to maintain such support.

If a child is receiving financial support from Social Security, SSI, VA, child support, trust fund, etc., all such support for that particular child must be transferred to Methodist Children's Home upon admission.

It is important that the child have spending money. Methodist Children's Home provides an allowance for all children. Parents or other persons may wish to send additional money for the child's use. Money should be sent directly to the Methodist Children's Home Accounting department to be deposited into the child's account. The child's name should always appear on checks. Written notification of the gift will be sent to the child.

Internet and Social Media Guidelines

Methodist Children's Home recognizes the importance of the Internet and is committed to supporting the appropriate use of residential clients to interact socially through blogging and/or other interaction in social media. MCH staff make every effort to educate clients on the importance of confidentiality and privacy regarding participation in communication on social media/networking sites. Incidents of inappropriate use will be addressed by MCH staff when applicable.

For the purposes of this guideline, social media means any facility for online publication and commentary that allows for communication in the open, including without limitation blogs, wiki's, and social networking sites such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Flickr and YouTube.



Parent/Managing Conservator Information

Unplanned Discharges

Methodist Children's Home is committed to working with children and youth through issues that arise during placement. However, discharge from a Methodist Children's Home facility may be necessary in the following circumstances.

- The youth becomes a danger to self or others.
- The youth requires treatment for a chemical dependency.
- The youth's needs for structure and support services exceeds the capacity of the program.
- The youth is on runaway status.

Parental Notification

The Methodist Children's Home staff is responsible for keeping parents or managing conservators informed of the status of youths' care through the following.

- Notification of serious incidents – MCH staff will notify family of serious incidents as required by Department of Family and Protective Services' Minimum Standards for General Residential Operations and Residential Treatment Centers.
- Plan of Service reviews – Unit Managers will notify family at least two weeks prior to a scheduled Plan of Service meeting.
- Notification of prescription for psychotropic medication – A written consent by family is obtained prior to the administration of any psychotropic medication.
- Reports – Regular and consistent reports on your progress and well-being will be provided to family by unit managers according to program guidelines.



Football Practice



State Track Meet

Parent/Managing Conservator Information

Confidentiality, Privacy Protection and Publicity

Methodist Children’s Home, in accordance with state licensing and national accreditation standards, prohibits the participation of any resident in public performances that represent Methodist Children’s Home without informed consent of the resident, parent or managing conservator. MCH does not require students to make any public statements expressing gratitude to the organization, photographs, video, audio interviews, artwork or creative writing for public relations or fundraising purposes without the informed, written consent of the resident or parent/managing conservator. MCH will maintain updated operational procedures regarding materials to be purged, accessed, disclosed and retained. Methodist Children’s Home will attempt to comply with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations relating to confidentiality, access, disclosure and retention of client records. MCH does not conduct research with students.

Volunteer and Mentor Program

Youth residing at MCH facilities may participate in our Volunteer and Mentor Program. Parents or managing conservators must provide permission for their child to participate in this program. All volunteers and mentors must meet minimum standards outlined by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

All efforts are made to match volunteers with youth based on preferences, strengths and areas of interest. The child’s caseworker is responsible for monitoring and establishing goals for the volunteer/mentor relationship.

Overnight and Off-site Visits with Staff

Methodist Children’s Home generally discourages off-site visits with staff outside the scope of their normal responsibilities. However in rare cases, such a visit may be approved if it is recommended by the interdisciplinary team assigned to that youth and written consent is obtained from both the parent(s) or managing conservator of the youth and the Vice President for Programs.

If approved, staff authorized to take the youth off-campus for an overnight visit is responsible for ensuring that the youth is properly fed, lodged, and supervised, and their health, safety and well-being are protected during the visit. The staff person responsible for the youth will be provided with a copy of the authorization to obtain medical care.



Education

Parent/Managing Conservator Information

Healthcare

Methodist Children's Home (MCH) is committed to promoting the health and safety of youth served. Youth admitted to MCH are provided immediate access to medical and dental care upon admission. Individualized plans to meet routine medical and dental needs are created and reviewed as part of the youth's Plan of Service. Routine medical and dental care is provided by licensed health care treatment providers, physicians, and dentists. Emergency medical and dental care is available at all times.

If the child has health insurance through Medicaid, insurance policies or other sources, that health insurance should be made available to Methodist Children's Home for the child. Families with insurance benefits for their dependents are required to extend those benefits to the youth during their placement at Methodist Children's Home. Methodist Children's Home facilities will attempt to qualify all youth in care for Medicaid coverage if there is no insurance coverage available.

Methodist Children's Home does not admit youth that are pregnant. However, should a youth in care become pregnant, measures to provide appropriate health and medical care will be taken in accordance with §748.1821 of the Minimum Standards for General Residential Operations and Residential Treatment Centers. An individualized plan to transition the youth to a more appropriate placement is developed. This plan includes how MCH will meet the youth's needs for specialized medical care while the youth is in MCH care.

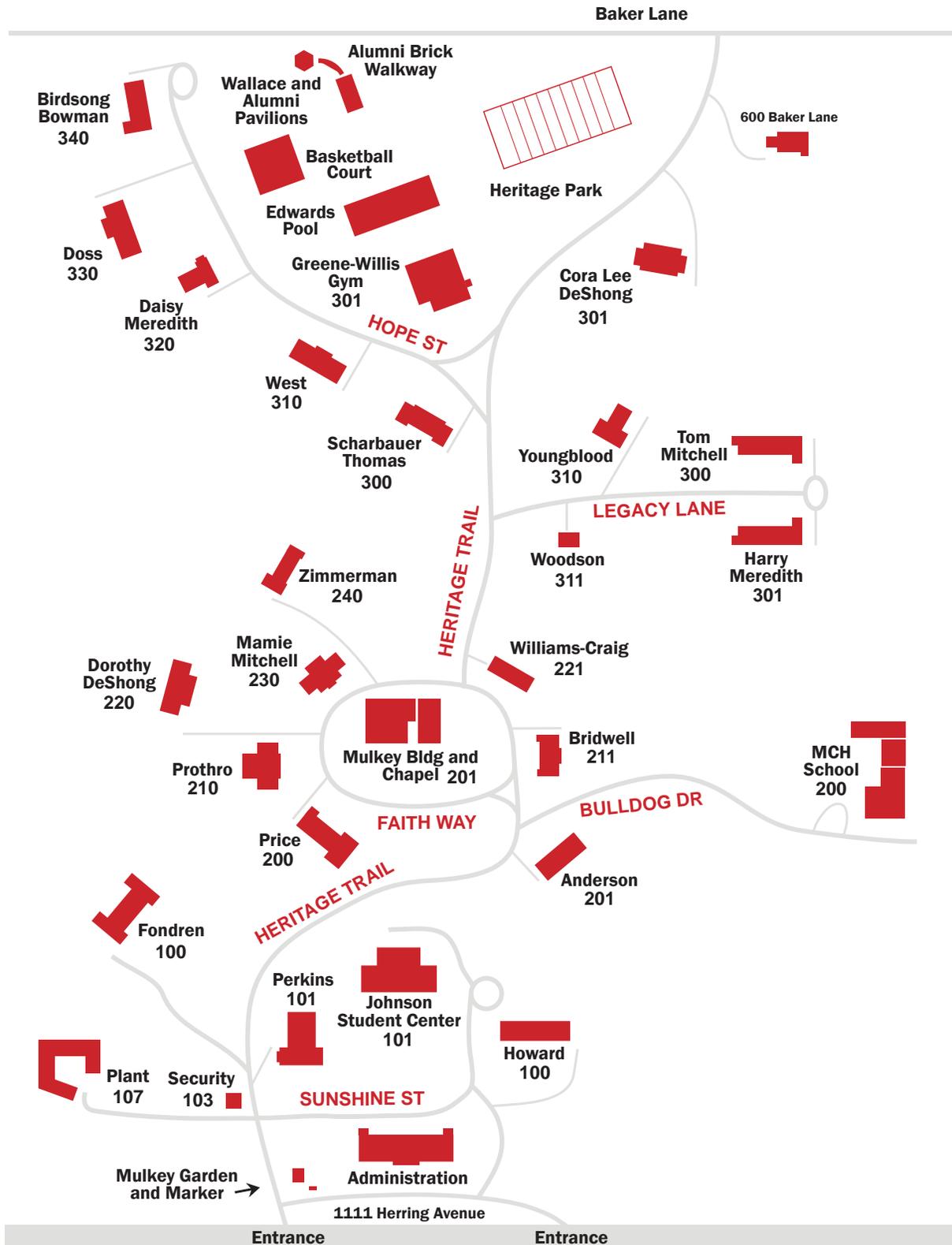
Policy Changes

Methodist Children's Home reserves the right to change policies and procedures at anytime. All changes will be made in accordance with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services' minimum standards. All changes in policy are reviewed by the MCH Board of Directors before implementation. Changes in policies and procedures will apply to both prospective students and those already enrolled. This handbook includes general information only, and it is not intended to, nor does it, contain all regulations that relate to students residing at MCH facilities.



Residential Campus Maps

Waco Campus Map



Residential Campus Maps

Boys Ranch Map

