

Youth Villages Arkansas: Intercept and LifeSet

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EXHIBIT D1



Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Youth Villages National Overview**
- **Arkansas Overview**
- **Intercept Overview**
- **LifeSet Overview**

About Youth Villages

- Not-for-profit; headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee
- Work with vulnerable children and their families
- 40 years of experience
- Service provider, evidence-based model creator and purveyor, and national thought partner
- More than 5,000 staff members across the United States
- Over 120 locations across 30 states and the District of Columbia
(includes Youth Villages locations and implementing partner locations)
- Provides services to more than 13,000 children, young adults and families every day; 50,000+ per year

Arkansas Overview



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Youth Villages Arkansas Timeline Highlights

Intercept launched in Arkansas via contract with DCFS using state dollars

2019

Intercept began serving additional counties, including Pulaski

2021

Final year of LifeSet public-private partnership, with philanthropic investment totaling nearly \$700k over 3 years

2024

2020

Arkansas is first state to include Intercept in FFPSA plan; funding transitioned to Title IV-E; served approximately 53 families daily

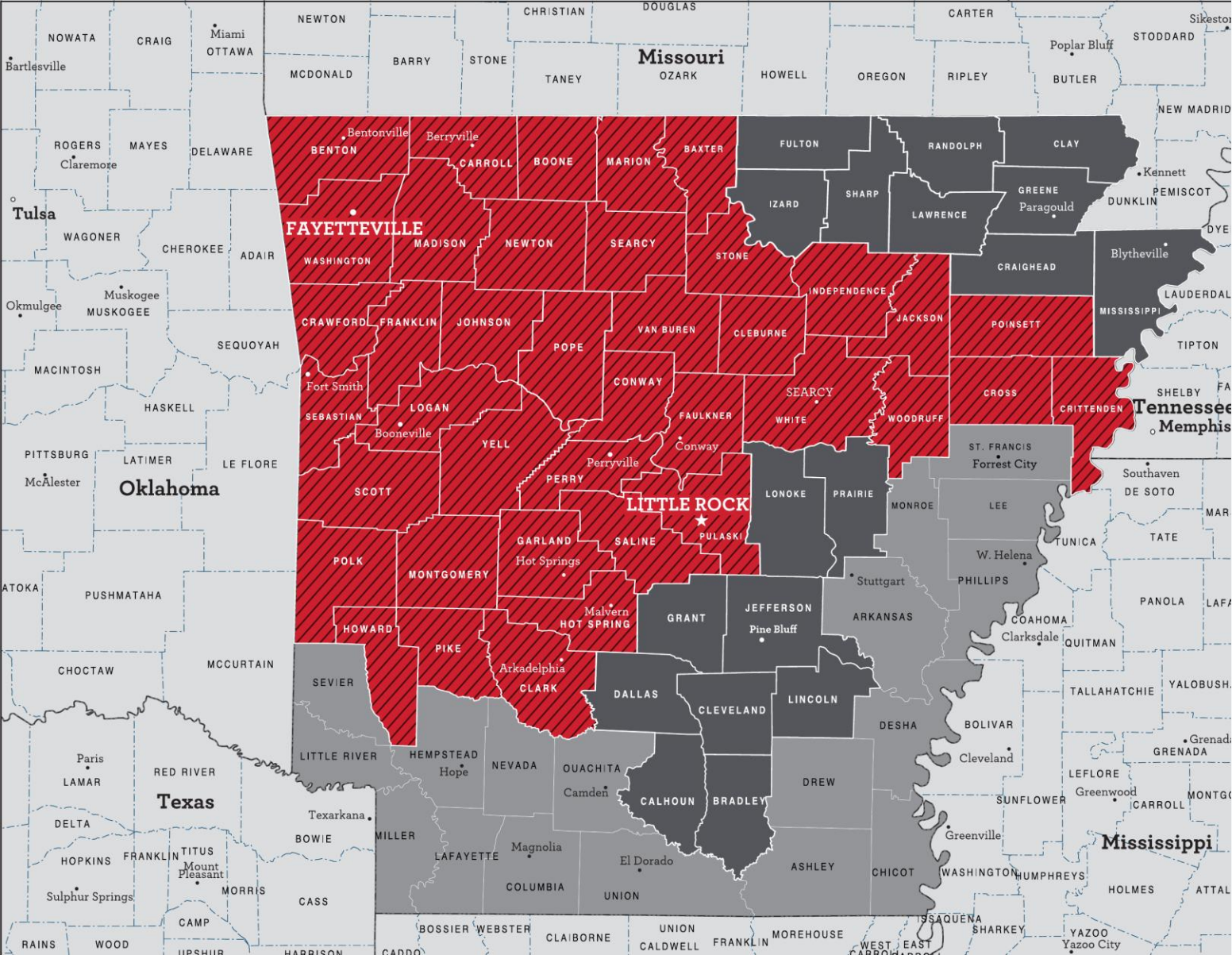
2022

LifeSet launched in Arkansas via public-private partnership between Youth Villages and DCFS

Intercept contract in Arkansas expanded after receiving “Well-Supported” rating; expanded to serving more than 100 families daily



Arkansas Service Area



The force for families | A R K A N S A S

SERVICES PROVIDED

Arkansas coverage

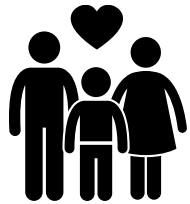
-  Intercept
-  LifeSet
-  Intercept + LifeSet

Counties shaded on the map indicate current service coverage.



In-home Services That Keep Families Together

Intercept: Reducing Unnecessary Time in Foster Care



Prevents Placement

Addresses family needs early to avoid foster care entry



Reunification

Safely and effectively reunifies children with families



In-Home Services

Stabilizes families in crisis with intensive support

Long-Term Family Stability
through prioritizing
permanency and
stability, preventing
entry into foster
care

Intercept: The Path to Well-Being for Children and Families



Whole family care



Family
engagement
& collaboration



Safety & stability



Communication
& problem-solving



Strong
community
relationships

Rigorous Evaluations



Placement Study No. 1: Intercept reduced the odds of out-of-home placement by **53%** following the first maltreatment investigation.

Placement Study No. 2: Examining a more recent sample of youth in a shorter evaluation window, **Intercept reduced the odds of out-of-home placement by 37%** following a maltreatment investigation.

Permanency Study: Compared to a matched comparison group, **the odds of achieving permanency were 24% higher with Intercept.**

Cost Comparison: Intercept vs Foster Care in AR

Arkansas Intercept Program

\$92 per day × 5 months
(average length of stay)

≈ ****\$13,800** per
youth

****Short-term, intensive family-
based intervention**

Arkansas Foster Care

\$2K per month (average cost
to taxpayers X 20 months)

≈ ****\$40,000** per
youth

****Includes placement, services,
admin, and supports**

Intercept costs ~**\$14K** per youth over an average length of stay of 5 months, while maintaining a child in foster care can cost taxpayers ~**\$40K** depending on placement type, services, and duration.

Intercept Video





Empowering young people on their journey
from foster care to adulthood.

About LifeSet

LifeSet is a program that gives young adults the support and guidance they need to make a successful transition to adulthood. We primarily work with at-risk youth and young adults who are leaving the foster care, juvenile justice, and mental health systems.



LifeSet: The Bridge from Foster Care to Adulthood

Young people who have experienced foster care have so much potential, but without support in their teens or early twenties, may struggle to successfully transition into adulthood—especially when working to overcome childhood adversity. LifeSet is an evidence-informed program model promoting wellbeing and stabilizing even the toughest situations. LifeSet allows young people to rise up from extremely challenging situations to identify and achieve their goals.

					
RELATIONAL PERMANENCY Build and maintain healthy relations with family, peers and supports	HOUSING Attain and maintain stable, safe housing	MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH Address ongoing needs to enhance functioning and well-being	CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT Find and continue gainful employment	LIFE SKILLS Navigate adult responsibilities, like transportation, money management, accessing community resources and more	EDUCATION Earn high school diploma/GED/post-secondary, vocational or technical education

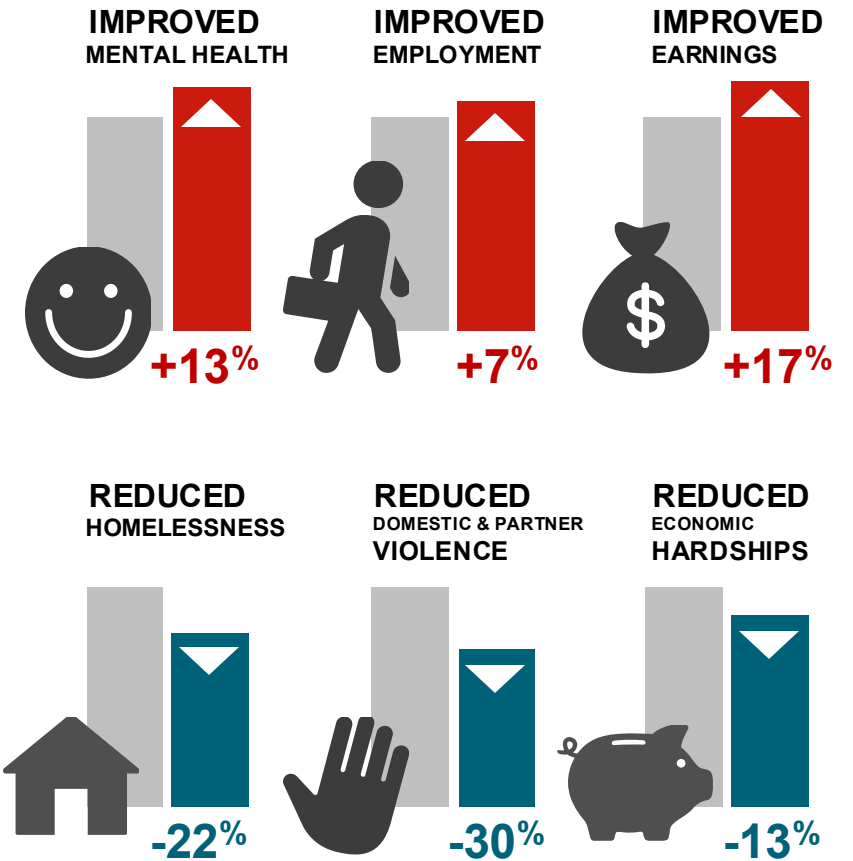
MDRC Study

- Largest, highly rigorous random assignment evaluation of services for this population
- Five-year study, published in 2015
- More than 1,300 young people enrolled

“This study is hugely important. This program can clearly have an impact for aging-out and at-risk youth in many places in the country.”

Dr. Mark Courtney, University of Chicago

IN A LARGE RANDOMIZED TRIAL, LEADING SOCIAL RESEARCH FIRM MDRC FOUND THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED LISET HAD POSITIVE OUTCOMES INCLUDING:



To view the full report visit www.mdrc.org/project/youth-villages-transitional-living-program-evaluation#overview

LifeSet Cost Comparison

Arkansas LifeSet Rate

\$48 per day × 8 months
(average length of stay)

≈ \$11,520 per
youth

Eight months of individualized
support

Estimated Social Costs

2013 Jim Casey Youth Opportunities
national estimate tied to poor
outcomes

≈ \$300,000 per
young person

Education, family formation, and
justice system outcomes

The Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative's 2013 brief, *Cost Avoidance: The Business Case for Investing in Youth Aging Out of Foster Care* estimated that poor outcomes among young people leaving foster care costs about **\$300,000 per young person due to** lower high school graduation (associated with reduced lifetime earnings/tax contributions), higher rates of early pregnancy (linked to estimated costs for children in public programs), and costs from greater justice system involvement.



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