Emergency Shelter Care

Lutheran Child and Family Services offers a residential Emergency Shelter Care (ESC) unit for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 17.

ESC is staffed 24 hours a day, providing a safe environment where children receive meals, clothing, and shelter for up to 20 days. Lutheran Child and Family Services coordinates transportation to the youth’s current school of record, as well as facilitating visitation with approved visitors.

Referrals for this program are made through the Department of Child Services, Department of Probation, and Cross-system of care providers.

The ESC program provides a safe haven, 24/7, for 16 boys and girls, 12-17 years, who need temporary shelter from unsafe home situations.