

About Cal Farley's

Cal Farley's has been "home" to more than 9,000 children since 1939, and has provided life-changing professional services at no cost to the youth and families we serve. In a Christ-centered atmosphere, the Cal Farley's mission is to strengthen families and help children become successful adults. We make a lifelong commitment to nurture and care for each child we serve. We are blessed with a highly trained and committed staff at every level of our organization who put the kids first in everything we do.



Our Results

Our results can be seen through the successful futures of the children we have served. Be it reaching a personal goal, attaining a college degree or reuniting successfully with their families, our children are all a source of pride, and each one is unique.

The best outcome of all is that the majority of our former residents become productive citizens within their communities who are either employed, attending school or mastering skills in their chosen trade.

To learn more about Cal Farley's services, visit www.calfarley.org, or call 800-657-7124.

Our History

Cal Farley founded Boys Ranch in 1939 because he saw the devastating effects of the Great Depression on families. His devotion to helping at-risk children and families, combined with the support of faithful and generous friends, helped Cal Farley's grow into a successful organization. Girlstown, U.S.A., founded in 1949 by Amelia Anthony, joined the Cal Farley's family of services in 1987.

Our Commitment

We are committed to the care and support of both the child and his or her family. Our goal is not to replace the original family unit, but to recognize that every child is already part of a family. Throughout Cal Farley's care, we focus on improving the original family relationships, because we know that kids with good family connections are more successful.

We are blessed by the children's family members who have the wisdom to recognize their child needs help, and the confidence in Cal Farley's to place their child in our care. We take this to heart, and we take our responsibility very seriously.



The Cal Farley's Model of Leadership and Service[®] sets out the six areas of human need that we must advance and nurture in the organization's leaders, team members and children. These six areas are Safety, Belonging, Achievement, Power, Purpose and Adventure. At Cal Farley's, we believe when these six areas of need are met, individuals are able to reach their potential.

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Strengthening children and families since 1939
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You are invited to tour Cal Farley's Boys Ranch and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. anytime. Feel free to call us at 800-687-3722 to arrange a tour.

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Guide to Admissions and Assistance



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kids get a second
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Referring a Child

You may find yourself in a situation where your family needs somewhere to turn. Or, you may recognize this need for someone else's family. In either case, we invite you to call on Cal Farley's. Our residential or community-based services may be the answer to your challenges.

Where to start. Our Intake, Information and Referral Line is the first point of contact for families and social service professionals requesting information about our services. Please call us toll-free at 800-657-7124.

After contact is made, and a comprehensive profile of the child is completed, staff members determine whether or not the child or children are appropriate for placement at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. campuses. Those we determine better suited to other programs are referred either to our Family Resource Centers or other service providers.



Residential Care

We offer residential care for children and youth at two locations. Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, which is 36 miles northwest of Amarillo, Texas, includes both boys and girls ages five to 18. Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A., which is 45 miles west of Lubbock, Texas, is a facility for teenage girls. Whether a child is with us for one year or for most of their childhood, all aspects of life on our campuses revolve around providing stability, safety and support to children in a basic care environment.

Both of our campuses specialize in short- and long-term residential care. We accept children for campus living who display mild to moderate behavioral problems, school-related issues and minor legal difficulties. We do not accept children with drug addictions, children with serious mental disorders, gang members or other exceptionally violent youth. The safety of all our children is our primary concern. We are not licensed to accept medically fragile, mentally retarded, autistic (including Aspergers Syndrome), or suicidal children.

Only the adult with legal custody of the child can apply for residential care at Cal Farley's. The time it takes from the first call to admitting a child depends on how quickly the family or legal guardian can provide us with necessary information and whether space is available on the campus best suited for the child.

What the family can expect. Residential care provides nurturing, consistent expectations and structure, which create a healthy environment where personal growth can occur. Normally, house parent couples live in each home in order to model a healthy family for six to 12 boys or girls. Generally, two children share a bedroom. The residents have regular chores, scheduled study times, and reasonable bedtimes.

Cal Farley's provides all residents with basic needs, such as meals, clothing and school supplies. Payment for residents' medical and dental care is the responsibility of their families; however, some financial assistance is available for those in need.

Academics. Residents at Boys Ranch are educated through Boys Ranch Independent School District, and Girlstown's residents attend Whiteface Consolidated Independent School District. A variety of programs ensures each child's academic success, including special and alternative education, gifted and talented, career and technology, and advanced placement/dual credit courses.

Christian education. Cal Farley's offers nondenominational Christian education to promote awareness and respect for individual spirituality and religious conviction.

Extracurricular activities. School-related activities include athletics, cheerleading, drama, music and student organizations such as FFA, 4-H, Skills USA-VICA, and Family Careers and Community Leaders of America.

Community-Based Services

Cal Farley's receives inquiries each year regarding thousands of kids who, for whatever reason, are not eligible for or ready for campus-based living. Whether a child qualifies or not for residential care, we do everything we can to ensure all children are referred to organizations or institutions best suited to meet their needs, or that they are helped through our Family Resource Centers until they are ready to come to one of our two campuses.

Services for families. We operate Cal Farley's Family Resource Centers in Amarillo, Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. The professional staffs at these centers work to provide an important bridge between children living on our campuses and their families. We also offer assistance to other families who request help, but whose children do not necessarily need placement. Our case management services include life-skills coaching, goal setting, family and parenting programs, and other support services. These community-based services are important because they help us strengthen the family unit that is so important to the well-being of a child.

Services following on-campus living. Alumni Support is just one more example of our lifetime commitment to those in our care. Alumni Support helps youth make the transition from campus life to living as contributing members of their communities. Many services are available to our alumni, including transitional housing, case management and scholarships for college or vocational training.

May We Help?

To begin the process for residential care or community-based services, a family in need should contact an intake specialist at 806-372-2341 or 800-657-7124 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Time, Monday - Friday. We are closed major holidays.

For more information about our Family Resource Centers, visit www.calfarley.org, or please call:

Amarillo: 806-322-2573
Austin: 512-329-2424
Dallas-Fort Worth: 817-461-4050
Houston: 713-463-8515
San Antonio: 210-558-3551