

About Us



Mission Youth & Shelter Services of Eastern Story County partners with communities to provide comprehensive prevention services that advocate for children, youth, and families and promote healthy behaviors and choices.

The office, located in Nevada, provides residents of Eastern Story County with prevention, youth development, intervention, and counseling services.

Community Advisory Board The Youth & Shelter Services of Eastern Story County Community Advisory Board (CAB) operates as a subcommittee of the Board of Directors of YSS. The CAB provides local volunteer citizen support as well as guidance and advice to the Center Coordinator. The board also maintains a voting representative on the YSS Board of Directors. CAB members meet regularly to provide strategic planning, local fundraising, oversight of quality improvement and outcome measures, and review and approval of budget income and expense reports.



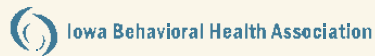
YOUTH & SHELTER SERVICES, INC.
Helping the next generation soar to a brighter future

Youth & Shelter Services of Eastern Story County is a branch of Youth & Shelter Services, Inc. Other services offered by Youth & Shelter Services include foster care, adoption, counseling, independent and transitional living, residential treatment, aftercare, and youth development.

Youth & Shelter Services, a non-profit agency, offers these services to clients regardless of race, age, color, ethnicity, gender identity, religion, marital status, mental disability, physical challenge, national origin, gender, gender orientation, sexual orientation, or ability to pay.

If you require accommodations to participate in any program offered by YSS, call 515.233.3141. Please notify YSS at least 72 hours before any scheduled event.

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Counseling Services YSS of Eastern Story County provides direct care and intervention, including individual and family counseling, supervised visits, group therapy, conflict resolution, family mediation and counseling, substance abuse evaluation and counseling, OWI evaluation, drug testing, depression and suicide intervention, co-occurring treatment services, psychiatric evaluation and medication management, and care coordination.

The YSS Treatment Services vision is that every Iowa youth has access to integrated substance abuse and mental health counseling resources that are welcoming and responsive to their needs, hopes, and recovery. Our mission is to help children, youth and families to uphold dignity, build developmental assets, and achieve independence.

Rosedale Shelter YSS of Eastern Story County offers youth and families a place to turn to in times of crisis. Rosedale Shelter in Ames serves Story County youth who have run away or are homeless, need help resolving family conflicts, have been abused or neglected, or are adjudicated and awaiting court action. Parent placements, designed to assess crises, identify safety issues, and formulate a plan of action, are accepted on a sliding fee scale. Police, self, and court referrals are also accepted.

Comprehensive Prevention YSS of Eastern Story County provides prevention and early intervention programs throughout Eastern Story County. The YSS Prevention staff is committed to implementing science- and evidence-based prevention programs, which have met rigorous standards proving their effectiveness. School, family, and community-based initiatives bridge transitions between chronological and developmental stages and promote positive behavior. Comprehensive prevention strategies delay the onset of substance use and strengthen families and communities.

School-Based Prevention Programs YSS of Eastern Story County offers a variety of services to area schools. Prevention Specialists facilitate science-based programs that focus on child safety, decision-making, resistance skills, and substance abuse prevention.

Youth Development YSS of Eastern Story County is dedicated to the development of all youth and enhances this development by building on the strengths and skills of youth, constructing a network of positive peers and adult mentors, and providing safe environments for relationship building. Youth Development programs include:

- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- Collins-Maxwell Celebrating High Achievers Making Positive Stands (CHAMPS)
- Story County Teen Task Force (TTF)



GRIP Mentoring YSS of Eastern Story County provides school-based mentoring programs in Eastern Story County schools. The Great Relationships In Pairs (GRIP) Mentoring Program promotes and enhances student achievement and well-being through one-to-one mentoring relationships with elementary and middle school students. The mentor and student meet for 30 to 60 minutes to have lunch, play together, or sit and visit. The program also sponsors special activities in which matches may participate outside the school day.

Youth Employment YSS offers assistance to Eastern Story County Youth who are interested in seeking employment, as well as job maintenance assistance. Our Youth Employment Specialist provides services to young people, enhancing employability and coaching successful transitions to the working world. Services include:

- Employability skill development
- One-on-one and group education workshops
- Relationships with local business community members
- Job search information