

**Lawrence County Council of Community Services
Information & Referral Services**

Agency/Organization:	Big Brothers/Big Sisters – Cray Youth & Family Services
Program(s):	Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lawrence County
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Area(s) Served:	Lawrence County, Pennsylvania
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Eligibility Requirements:	6-18 year old children/youth determined to be in a high risk environment.
Population Served:	See above
Statement of Services:	We provide positive mentors for children through community, school, and site-based matches.
Mission Statement:	To establish a one to one relationship between volunteers and children from single parent homes, that through these mentoring relationships, the children will be led to greater achievement and personal development; finding fulfillment in their lives and becoming fully integrated members of society.
Brief Overview of Services/Programs:	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lawrence County (BBBS) is a volunteer program that matches adult mentors with youth between the ages of 6 and 15 who reside in single parent households. The purpose of the program is to provide children in need of a supportive relationship with both a mentor and a friend. Mentors must be at least 15 years of age and must pass a screening process and be able to commit to a minimum of one meeting a week for one year. Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) is an intensive family and community-based therapeutic program that focuses on issues surrounding adolescents who are at risk of out-of-home placement. Therapeutic services typically

range between 3-5 months on a weekly and as-needed basis. Appropriate youth for this program are chronic delinquent or dependent youth, male or female, ages 12-17. Referrals are made through Lawrence County Children and Youth Services and Lawrence County Juvenile Probation. Home-Based Parent Training provides education and counseling to parents whose children are at risk for out-of-home placement. The length of the service is determined by the needs of the participant. Referrals are made through Lawrence County Children and Youth Services.

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Homemaker Services provides education and support to families whose poor home maintenance and housekeeping skills have created health and safety risks for themselves and their children. The length of this service is determined by the needs of the participant. Referrals are made through Lawrence County Children and Youth Services.

Parent and Youth Intervention Service is an intensive, in-home program designed for adolescents who are at risk of out-of-home placement. The length of this service is determined at the time of the referral. Referrals are made through Lawrence County Children and Youth Services.

Juvenile Justice Services: The Community Service Program works with youth referred by Juvenile probation who have been assigned to community service by the court system. The Juvenile Diversion Program is a psycho-educational group for low level juvenile offenders that provides social skill development and reinforces pro-social activities.

Challenges Alternative Education is a highly structured alternative education program for youths, ages 13-18 that allows contracted school districts in Lawrence County to address the educational, emotional, and social skills needs of students who fail to comply with public school expectations. Referrals are accepted through contracted schools.

Crossroads Treatment Program is an after school and summer program for youth ages 5-17 who are at risk of placement out of the home, or who have been released from placement but continue to need ongoing structure. The program provides individual and group therapy, study skills, social skills, and recreation. Counselors meet weekly with parents and school designees to evaluate progress. The program runs 4 hours a day, 4 days a week. Referrals are made through Lawrence County Children and Youth Services. Crossroads Behavioral Health Treatment Program is for those youth who have a mental health diagnosis. Mental Health Professionals provide individual, group and family therapy and the children receive regular evaluations by a Licensed Psychologist to monitor their progress.

Family Reintegration is an intervention program designed specifically to support those students returning home from placement and work with the families to make this transition a lasting success.

Foster Care provides substitute care in safe and nurturing homes for children and infants to age 17 who have been removed from their homes

due to parental abuse/neglect or lack of parental control. Referrals are made through Lawrence County Children and Youth Services.

Residential Services:

Krause Youth Center

Mullen Girls Group Home

Each residential program accepts youth ages 10-18 who are in need of emergency shelter care or have been referred for out-of-home placement because of abuse, neglect, delinquency, and lack of parental control.

Weekly counseling, social skills training, and drug and alcohol services are provided for all students. Youth 16 years of age and older attend Life Skills Group. Referrals are made through Lawrence County Children and Youth Services and Juvenile Probation.

Kirkwood Transitional Living Home

Transitional Apartment Living

These programs provide a residential option for youth ages 16 to 21 for whom the goal is living on their own in a successful manner. Training on the life skills necessary for independent living are provided by staff as well as on-going support and monitoring.

The Independent Living Program (ILP) serves youth (ages 16-21) who are currently in out-of-home placement. The program gives youth the opportunity to be self-sufficient. The program gives youth the opportunity to be self-sufficient. The program is able to accommodate all youth who have been placed by Lawrence County Children and Youth Services who meet the age requirements.