

Program Description

Pathway Family Center was founded in order to fill a void left in the community when the corporate offices of **Straight, Incorporated** became financially incapable of supporting **Straight, Inc. of Michigan**. Recognizing the ongoing need for quality substance abuse services for adolescents, Pathway Family Center is largely based on the treatment model with which **Straight, Incorporated** enjoyed 17 successful years.

Pathway Family Center is a family-oriented treatment program for drug users between the ages of 12 and 21 and has as its basis the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. While a young person is participating in the Pathway Family Center program, he or she must remain totally drug-free. The treatment program centers on a professionally supervised self-help philosophy – kids helping kids, parents helping parents, families helping families – the main objective of the therapeutic process being the sobriety of the family system.

Pathway Family Center conducts an intense daily schedule of therapeutic sessions. Utilizing the dynamics of peer pressure in a positive fashion to create a new lifestyle for the clients, the program uses a combination of intensive therapy and a structured, progressive approach where young people earn their way through five phases of the program to graduation. - Pathway Family Center is staffed by adult professionals who supervise a peer counseling staff who are in recovery and have successfully completed a training program.

The Medical Director, along with licensed professional staff, provide diagnostic and assessment services and also provide the ongoing monitoring and supervision of the client's progress in treatment.