



The Door is a safe, warm, and comfortable space for your child to stay if they are experiencing crisis and leave home.

At Fairbanks Youth Advocates/The Door, we know being a parent is challenging – especially when our kids become teenagers. Without warning, they seem to reject everything we’ve taught them. Our values and beliefs are constantly challenged. We’re faced with tough issues including drugs, alcohol and sex. Emotions can run high and tempers can run short. The good news is that you’re not alone.

We can offer information and assistance to help you better communicate and build a stronger relationship with your teen. We can provide referrals, crisis intervention and even family mediation services. For more information, call us today at (907) 374 - 5678.

ABOUT US



MISSION STATEMENT

To facilitate life-transitions for at-risk youth

Fairbanks Youth Advocates believes that providing assistance at critical times in the lives of young people is vital to their present and future well being, ultimately contributing to the stability and long term health of our community.

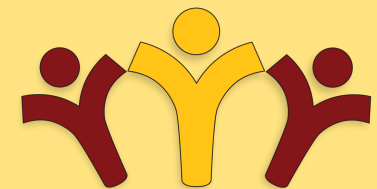
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the DOOR

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



Resources and information for parents and guardians.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MY YOUTH COMES TO THE DOOR?

- Youth are greeted at the door by staff.
- When youth arrive, they are asked some basic questions about their situation and needs.
- They are shown the shelter space and assigned:
 - a bed, blankets, & bedding
 - a metal school type locker and lock
 - hygiene items & towels
 - a small tote for storage
- Youth have access to:
 - information about other resources in the community
 - an area to hang out and read, study, play games, or talk
 - clothes, personal items, and warm winter gear
- Lights are shut off between 11 and midnight and turned on at 7am to give youth plenty of time to sleep.
- We make arrangements for youth to continue to attend their home school.
- Youth are served homemade healthy nutritious breakfasts, lunches and dinners. We also serve an after-school snack as well as an evening snack prior to bed.

FAQ'S ABOUT THE DOOR

If your child is out of your home or you are experiencing conflict with your teen, they are welcome to come to Fairbanks Youth Advocates' Youth Shelter the Door. We are located at 138 10th Avenue.

When youth come, we encourage them to contact their parent or guardian and let them know they're safe. If the youth is a minor, we will call a parent/guardian as soon as possible.



WHAT DO YOU PROVIDE?

We provide basic shelter services – a place to sleep & eat. We have clothing and hygiene items for those who need them. We also provide family mediation, as well as referrals for any additional needs of the child or family.

WHEN WILL MY CHILD COME HOME?

We will work with you and your youth until your teen comes home. Our goal is the same as yours - to return youth home as soon as possible. The majority of the youth who come to The Door stay less than one week. While youth are staying with us, you will be kept informed. You are also welcome to call us and speak to a staff member anytime.

IS IT SAFE?

Yes. Our staff are highly trained and used to dealing with a variety of circumstances. All volunteers and employees are approved by the State of Alaska.

IS THIS A TREATMENT CENTER?

No, we are not a treatment center. The Door is a shelter for youth in crisis, and we do not provide therapy or treatment services for your youth. We are able to provide crisis counseling to teens and/or their families through **Clearwater Counseling**. We can also connect you/your youth to community resources for ongoing behavioral health support, if necessary.

CAN I COME IN?

No. We're sorry, but for the safety and confidentiality of ALL our youth, only staff are allowed in. You're welcome to call and leave messages for your youth. A scheduled tour or visit can be arranged.