

# Success Stories . . .

## Youth Services Network



Meet Kevin...

Kevin W. was brought to the Winnebago County Juvenile Assessment Center by the Rockford Police Department for domestic issues in the home and for being beyond parental control. He was a fifteen-year old male with Bipolar Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder, parental discord, sibling discord, and peer problems. Kevin was psychiatrically hospitalized on numerous occasions in the past and was unsuccessfully involved with Youth Services Network's Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services (CCBYS) program in the past.

Major treatment issues that were identified involved his parents, the death of his grandparents, and academic and behavioral concerns at school. Besides working on his treatment issues through CCBYS, a referral was made to the LANS program, so wraparound services could assist the entire family with their needs.

Kevin and his parents were apprehensive beginning the CCBYS program and wanted quick solutions to long-term issues. However, he and his family worked diligently for six months during their involvement with Youth Services Network. With the help of services, Kevin reported having a better relationship with his mother and making better choices in friends. He began attending a social skills program with the Rockford Park District with funding from LANS. His parents followed through with referrals for Easter Seals and were awarded respite services for the year. He was in self-contained classes at the beginning of services. During his last IEP meeting, Kevin was recognized for his improvement in behavior and in attention allowing him the opportunity to take some elective general education classes for the next semester.

Upon intake, Kevin was distant, suffered from low self-esteem, and severe family distress. At the close of case, he had hope of going to college to earn a degree in the automotive area, was attending sessions with his mother at Easter Seals, was attending social functions at school and church, and the family was trying to continue to make structured time for family activities on a weekly basis.



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