

More than 20 Years of Supportive Care for LGBTQ+ Youth



The Home's Waltham House, a residential group home designed specifically for LGBTQ+ youth in New England, was the first of its kind when it opened in 2002. Two decades later, Waltham House continues to provide a safe and supportive living environment for up to 12 youth who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community.

Many young people have experienced difficulty and discrimination, either at home or in placement, due to their gender expression or sexual identities. At Waltham House, adolescents ages 14-18 are free to explore and develop their identities within an open and inclusive environment as they prepare for family reunification, secondary education paths and future self-sufficiency.

Waltham House was founded on the principles of responsibility, respect and pride, and born of the belief that all youth deserve to live in an environment in which they feel safe, respected, supported and cared for.

At Waltham House, our goals are to...

- ♥ Provide LGBTQ+ adolescents a safe, conscientious and supportive environment in which to live and grow
- ♥ Offer families the support they need in order to become reunified with an LGBTQ+ youth
- ♥ Prepare LGBTQ+ youth for independent living by helping them to develop essential life skills
- ♥ Facilitate opportunities for LGBTQ+ youth to develop strong connections to LGBTQ+ and non-LGBTQ+ communities
- ♥ Connect LGBTQ+ youth to skilled, competent providers in the community
- ♥ Help LGBTQ+ youth reach their full potential

About Us

The Home for Little Wanderers' Waltham House is a Specialty Treatment Residence in a community-based 1:4 group home located in Waltham, Massachusetts, a suburban Boston neighborhood. Our program offers 24-hour staffing and is housed within a comfortable Federal-style home with an expansive, tree-lined backyard. The agency is accredited by the Council of Accreditation, and the program is licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care.

THE HOME FOR LITTLE WANDERERS

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The Home for Little Wanderers helps to ensure the healthy development of all children at risk, without regard to race, religion, gender identity/expression or sexual orientation.

OUR SERVICES

- ♥ Multidisciplinary team approach to treatment plan development and implementation
- ♥ Individualized and creative stabilization services and interventions
- ♥ Individual, group and family therapy and case management by mental health professionals, including licensed and Master's level clinicians
- ♥ Family outreach and permanency support services
- ♥ Life skills development and vocational training
- ♥ Opportunities to attend community-based activities, such as sports and after-school programs, including peer education programs and Gay/Straight Alliances, social/support groups and community service projects
- ♥ Integrative Treatment for Complex Trauma (ITCT)
- ♥ Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Motivational Interviewing
- ♥ Restorative Justice Practice



"Waltham House was family. It was the first sense of family that I ever had. Waltham House helped me put into perspective my ideas on what family should look like, and what I want my life to be like. Waltham House taught me how to have fun and not close myself off to people."

—A former resident

About The Home for Little Wanderers

For over 200 years, The Home for Little Wanderers has helped build stable lives and hopeful tomorrows for children and their families. Our 30+ community-based and residential programs serve thousands of youth, from birth to age 26, who are in at-risk circumstances. Many of these children have experienced abuse, neglect, trauma or a disrupted family life. As the oldest child welfare agency in America, we provide them with safe surroundings, permanent loving relationships and a secure path toward a better, brighter future.



For more information about Waltham House, visit www.thehome.org/waltham-house or call 617-267-3700. To make a referral, email WalthamHouseAdmissions@thehome.org.