

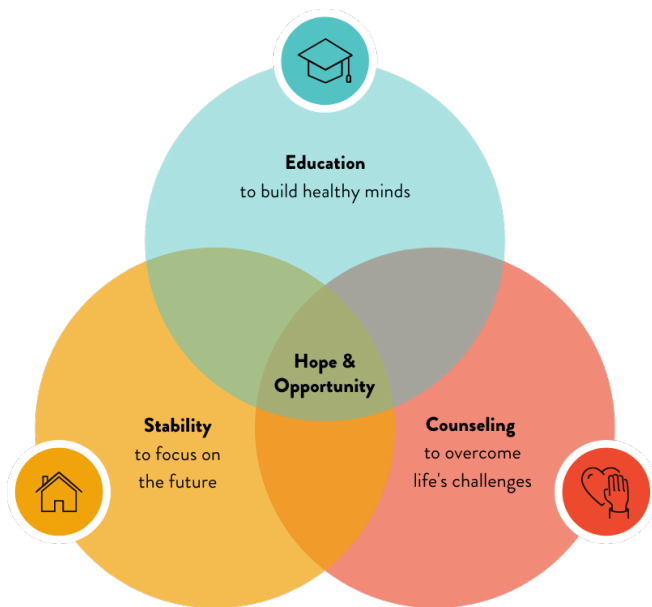


*Providing hope and opportunity by putting kids first.*

**YSS HEADQUARTERS**  
420 Kellogg Avenue  
Ames, Iowa

**One of Iowa's oldest and largest youth-serving nonprofit organizations, YSS empowers youth by providing education, counseling, and stability.** Our goal is to create a continuum of care—together, our programs give youth the tools they need to succeed throughout their lives.

## What We Do



### **FOSTER CARE ADVOCACY**

Empowers foster care youth and offers assistance for young adults who age out of the system.

### **HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES**

Helps at-risk and homeless youth by providing drop-in services, daily meals, and street outreach.

### **INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY THERAPY**

Provides counseling to clients of all ages using a wide variety of therapeutic approaches.

### **MENTORING**

Builds positive relationships through school-based and community-based mentoring.

### **POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION RETENTION**

Helps young adults meet education goals through case management, tutors, and financial planning.

### **PREGNANCY & PARENTING EDUCATION**

Offers parenting education and supplies for pregnant women and young mothers.

### **PREVENTION**

Prepares kids to make good choices through school and community programming.

### **SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

Offers individualized support and rental assistance for homeless young adults.

### **YSS KIDS CLUB**

Offers before/after-school and summer care for elementary kids.

## Our Areas

### **CRISIS STABILIZATION**

Provides short-term care with 24-hour supervision for youth experiencing an acute behavioral health issue.

### **EMBER RECOVERY**

Provides residential treatment for youth with substance use disorder in a homelike atmosphere.

### **EMERGENCY SHELTER**

Offers a safe place for youth in crisis, with food, clothing, hygiene items, and support.

# Our Impact

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“YSS believed in me when I was at the lowest of lows. They gave me a chance to be the best version of myself.”

**FORMER CLIENT**

Seven-12 House

“Without YSS, I would not be the person I am today. I have hope and motivation for a better future.”

**FORMER CLIENT**

Family Counseling Clinic

“At YSS, I learned how to have self-respect. I realized I had the control to stay clean.”

**FORMER CLIENT**

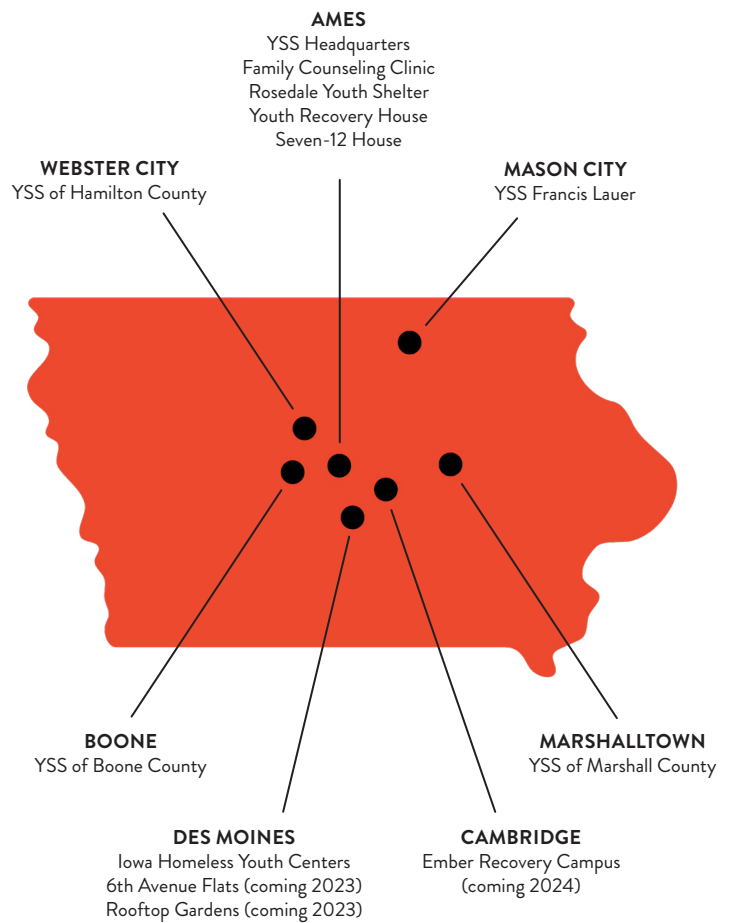
Youth Recovery House

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## Where We Are

YSS is headquartered in Ames and located across Iowa. Our sites are not cookie-cutter models—instead, we tailor our services to fit the highest needs of each community.



We believe every child deserves the chance to reach their full potential. Since 1976, YSS has offered comprehensive, community-based services to build brighter futures. We help youth find their voice, feel safe and secure, learn life skills, and **stand strong**.

**96%** of AMP participants say they learned skills that will help them later in life

**73%** of kids in the YSS Mentoring program reported improved self-esteem

**95%** of homeless and at-risk youth served at IHYC transition into safe housing