

### Program Overview

Silvercrest is an eight-bed group home for delinquent males, ages 13 to 17, providing behavior management and counseling services as a means of minimizing harmful behaviors and improving family relationships.

### Who We Serve

Delinquent males, ages 13 to 17, referred by Winnebago County Human Services. **2009: 1,740 days of care to 15 youth**

### A Story of Success

Conner was placed at Silvercrest for several drug charges and other law violations, as well as poor performance at school and constant arguing with authority figures at home. He had been placed at Silvercrest for an interim six-week period previously, but made very little progress and was falling back into his old patterns. The county was considering a correctional placement, but due to additional circumstances decided to place him at Silvercrest where he'd get more intense supervision.

From the beginning, Conner struggled with following rules and was constantly debating and arguing in an attempt to get his way. Through the staff's coaching and guidance, Conner learned appropriate ways to discuss decisions he didn't agree with and improved tenfold in this area. He also found positive activities to substitute for his alcohol and drug use and tested clean the last four months of his placement. His work at school improved significantly and he began to display leadership skills, acting more as a mentor to other residents. During the summer months, Conner found employment and was able to earn enough money to pay off past fines and restitution. His work experience also helped him acquire a more permanent job as a landscaper.

During his stay at Silvercrest, Conner learned how to become a better person. While he visibly did not like the staff for the first few months of placement and resisted their attempts to help, by the time he was discharged he admitted that he would miss them. Since that time, he has kept in contact to let them know he's making progress and continuing to work on his goals.

*Silvercrest Group Home is located at 1021 Green Acres Lane, Neenah.*

*The above story is an example of the type of children, individuals and families we serve. Names, ages, and other personal information have been changed to protect the client's confidentiality.*

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