

Butterfield Youth Services

Child and Family Therapy Center, Marshall, Missouri

Recipient of Honor Award,
AIA Mid-Missouri, 1995

Butterfield Youth Services meets difficult needs with a model program of community residential treatment of children who would otherwise require institutional care. To better serve the number of seriously emotionally disabled children (SED), Butterfield Youth Services expanded its facilities with a new Child and Family Therapy Center.



The formal administrative area provides professional workspace in an area surrounded by clerestory lighting.

The center contains administration, education, art therapy, recreation, and clinical therapy wings that serve the SED children and their families. The building's footprint is a radical design branching from two entry



The entry utilizes strong shapes to signify the serious nature of its function.

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towers. The administration entrance tower contains the administrative office for the executive secretary as well as record storage for the entire facility. The educational entrance tower serves the many classrooms and connects the educational wing with the gymnasium.

The residential wing, comprised of bedrooms, time-out space, child-care office, dining, kitchen, and living/game room, is secure from the other areas to insure residents' safety.

The overall campus is designed to minimize institutional characteristics and emphasize an atmosphere of caring that is more akin to a home and family.

"The expanding continuum of services in this center will enable troubled youth to remain and learn to thrive in our community."

*John W. Carton, ASCW,
Executive Director*

