

BYA'S MISSION

The mission of **Birmingham Youth Assistance** is the prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency, child abuse and child neglect, by providing positive alternatives to children and families. **BYA** is a partnership of the Oakland County Circuit Court—Family Division, the Birmingham Public Schools, sponsoring municipalities, and volunteer citizens.

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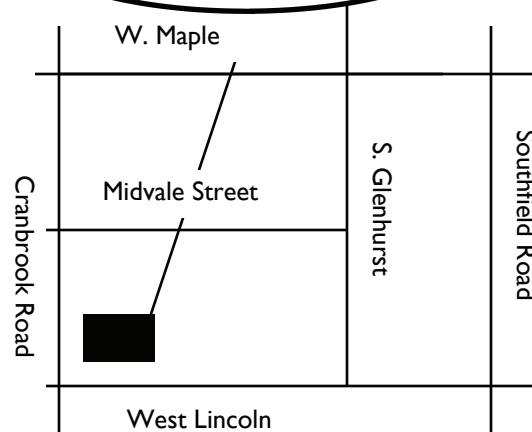
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**BIRMINGHAM
YOUTH
ASSISTANCE**



Birmingham

Strengthening Families
Through Community Involvement

**Serving youth
and families
since 1962**

ABOUT YOUTH ASSISTANCE

What is Birmingham Youth Assistance?

BYA is a community-based program developed by volunteers who live and/or work in the Birmingham area. Its purpose is to strengthen youth and families and to reduce the incidence of juvenile delinquency, child abuse, and neglect.

How is BYA different from other agencies?

BYA is the only locally based agency which provides short-term counseling services to youth 17 years or younger and their families. BYA accepts referrals from the Court's Family Division Intake Unit, school counselors and teachers, police departments, and parents who have concerns about their child.

Who can use BYA services?

Any family that resides within the geographic boundaries of the Birmingham Public School District is eligible to receive services and participate in **BYA** activities.

What kinds of programs does BYA provide?

- Family education programs
- Family counseling
- School programs on the prevention of shoplifting
- Summer Camp scholarships
- *Mentors Plus*, a volunteer mentoring program
- An annual *Youth In Service Dinner* to recognize significant community service activities of youth
- *Breakfast with Santa*, for children and families
- *Bark at Berkshire*, our Kids' Dog Show for elementary and middle school children
- *Touch A Truck* for pre-school and elementary school children and their families

How are BYA programs funded?

The Probate Court and the Circuit Court-Family Division provides the professional staff to work with the volunteers and to provide direct casework services. **BYA** operates

under the sponsorship and financial support of the Birmingham Public Schools and the municipalities therein. Additional funding is obtained through grants, individual donations, and local fund raising efforts.

Who volunteers for BYA?

Social workers, program organizers, attorneys, insurance agents, school employees, business owners, executives, and soccer moms and dads. Anyone who wants to improve the lives of children and families in the Birmingham area are welcomed.

How do I learn more about BYA?

You are invited to attend our General Citizens Committee meetings, held on various Thursday mornings throughout the year at 7:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham. You may join at any time. If you wish to become active, we will ask you to complete a membership application and indicate your volunteer preferences.