

**Choosing the right “door”  
for a successful future.**

### **D.O.R.S. Youth Transition Center**

D.O.R.S. Youth Transition Center a program of ETCADA that connects young people with a myriad of services to address and overcome all barriers and obstacles so they can choose the right “door” for a successful future. Staff assist young people with one-on-one case management to develop a Transition Plan that can include a variety of types of training, education, and career readiness.

The majority of all we serve are victims of crime and our funding addresses the unique needs of this group of young adults and youth.

Partnering with more than 20 agencies and organizations, we maximize our services to provide needed resources and solutions that make a difference in the lives of at-risk and homeless young people.

D.O.R.S. Youth Transition Center accepts referrals from the Department of Family and Protective Services, school districts, homeless shelters, foster agencies, churches and the justice system. Many young people come on their own requesting our help.

## **D.O.R.S IS A PROGRAM of ETCADA**

### **GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING**

Case Management  
Educational Assistance  
Employment Assistance  
Housing Assistance  
Child Care Assistance

**For more information:  
903-803-0100**



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**Mission Statement**  
**Empowering young people  
to move past obstacles to success  
by establishing a central support system  
linking them to community resources.**

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# D.O.R.S. Youth Transition Center Programs and Projects

## ***Job Ready!***

The job market is competitive; however, *Job Ready!* will help set participants apart from other employment seekers. Participants receive help creating a resume, completing a job application, improving communication skills, understanding work ethic principles, and implementing conflict management methods. The course is completed with a required two-day, unpaid internship with a local employer. Participants will receive a resume packet containing their resume, certificate of completion, and the internship evaluation.

## ***TANF Foster Program Grant***

The *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Foster Program Grant* is designed to help young people age 16 to 25 years old that have ever been in foster care achieve self-efficiency with employment. Participants can receive help with job skills education, finding employment, clothing required for certain jobs, and transportation. We serve Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood counties

## ***Operation: Turnaround***

Whether a young person has a pattern of bad choices or if it's the first time that a bad decision has resulted in being placed on probation, if a participant is serious and committed to getting out of the criminal justice system once and for all, *Operation: Turnaround* at D.O.R.S. Youth Transition Center can help. *Operation: Turnaround* provides an opportunity to receive support, guidance, and encouragement to successfully meet all conditions of probation. Once a month, participants have the opportunity to learn from and ask questions of someone who has successfully separated from the criminal justice system permanently.

## ***Transitional Housing***

Homelessness is a monumental challenge that affects every portion of a person's life. D.O.R.S. Youth Transition Center's *Transitional Housing Program* provides participants with detailed assistance and advocacy to help stabilize insecure housing. Throughout the process, staff provide education on budgeting, tenant/landlord relationships, reading and understanding a lease agreement, and help the participant create a plan to resolve past issues as a tenant. As a member of the Northeast Texas Homeless Consortium, D.O.R.S. Youth Transition Center stays aware of the housing trends and needs to be able to guide participants to the best option for their life circumstances.

## ***Healthy Inside & Out***

*Healthy Inside & Out* is a program to help improve the overall health of young people in poverty. D.O.R.S. Youth Transition Center facilitates their ability to see a doctor, a dentist, and to get their eyes examined and receive glasses. The staff recognize that years of trauma, neglect, and abuse can result in the need for mental health services and offer both individual and group counseling so participants can choose which best fits their needs. Education on healthy nutrition for participants and their young children can help strengthen and promote healthy families.