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**Crossroads for Youth supports at-risk children and families with
multiple programs designed for success**

OXFORD, Mich.—If the last 65 years have taught the professionals at Crossroad for Youth anything, it is that there is not one magic program or treatment for every child. To that end, Crossroads for Youth has created multiple programs designed to help at-risk, abused and neglected children thrive and succeed.

When a child from the juvenile justice system comes to the Crossroads for Youth Achievement Center, they enter a very structured, militaristic-style program. The program is for young men, ages 14-17 years old who have been assigned to Crossroads for Youth by a judge or probation officer. Young men placed in the Achievement Center program remain at Crossroads for Youth for five-and-a-half months and the program involves wearing a uniform and marching.

“The primary objective of the Achievement Center is to help young men improve in three areas: inner discipline, respect for others and healthy living,” said Marc Porter, Executive Director of Crossroads for Youth.

The Achievement Center opened in the late 1990s and the barrack-styled building once housed 30 youth at a time and averaged 90 participants yearly, said Porter. As a result of additional societal resources in place to help rehabilitate delinquent young men, the Achievement Center currently works with an average of 10-15 youth. In 2016, 37 young men went through the Achievement Center program.

Crossroads for Youth also offers a day program for at-risk youth. The Learning Center program provides the same support, structure and encouragement for boys and girls ages 7-17 who face challenges in their communities. Children attending this program are bused in six days a week.

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“These are children who need a little extra support that a traditional school can’t provide,” said Karen Gully, Crossroad for Youth’s Training and Program Director. In 2016, 42 students were involved in The Learning Center, which is staffed by professionals from Oxford Community Schools.

Crossroads for Youth is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) treatment agency that serves at-risk youth ages 7-17. Crossroads for Youth believes that every child deserves a chance and as such, works to strengthen families and youth with skills and tools so they become valuable contributors in their communities. For more information on Crossroads for Youth, or to make a donation, go to www.crossroadsforyouth.org or call 248-628-2561.

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