

# **Masonic Center for Youth and Families (MCYAF)**

**Guide for lodge leaders**



# What is MCYAF?

MCYAF offers evaluation and psychotherapeutic treatment for children, adolescents, and their families, all under one roof.

The center is located in San Francisco, but serves Masonic families throughout the state.

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# What is the MCYAF approach?

- Comprehensive, compassionate care tailored to the individual
- An integrated, team-based approach by leaders in various disciplines of mental health
- Understanding the whole child, and helping the child better understand him/herself



# Whether you live down the street or across the state

MCYAF's model of care is designed for every California Masonic family, no matter where they live.

- MCYAF arranges for California Masonic families to come to the San Francisco facility for important assessment services.
- Staff and family work together to decide on a treatment plan.
- Staff sets up treatment on-site at MCYAF or in the family's hometown, and stays with the family every step of the way.



# What to expect when contacting MCYAF

- During the initial phone call, an access coordinator will obtain basic information and connect the family with a social worker.
- If the family and MCYAF decide to proceed, staff will meet with parents and children at the MCYAF facility in San Francisco.
- The senior clinical group will meet to discuss the family's needs and decide the next step: a full assessment at MCYAF, or a referral to an agency or professional better suited to the family's needs.



# Services overview

MCYAF tailors services to each family's needs and preferences.

- Tests to evaluate the child's learning, cognition, and behavior, as well as social-emotional and neuropsychological functioning
- Interviews with family, teachers, coaches, and youth leaders
- Individual youth therapy
- Individual adult therapy
- Family therapy
- Referrals to resources and treatment in the family's hometown



# Eligibility

MCYAF serves Masonic and non-Masonic families throughout the state.

Masonic families will always be granted priority, and may receive assistance with travel costs for initial on-site assessment at the MCYAF facility in San Francisco.



# How can my lodge help?

Educate members and families about the MCYAF model of care and available support services.

- Print and display an ad at your lodge
- Run an ad in your Trestleboard
- Mention MCYAF and [mcyaf.org](http://mcyaf.org) in annual outreach letters

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