



Component # 8: Steps to Freedom

Today, our great nation has a serious drug and alcohol use and abuse problem. America's children are not excluded from the horrors of this problem. The majority of the children referred into Juvenile Justice services, use and abuse drugs and/or alcohol. Many of these children began their drug use as early as five (5) years of age and their families' of origin are inundated by substance abuse. By the time these children reach our programs they are full-fledged addicts. History has shown that addiction cannot usually be overcome without a 12-step program. Free 12-step programs are readily available for adults, but there are not many such programs available for adolescents. LIGHTHOUSE 2911 has designed a Bible-based 12-step program, adapting the Celebrate Recovery 12-steps, to fit the needs of adolescents. When a child is determined to have a substance abuse issue, the child can be referred into our Steps To Freedom Program. When a child returns from a Drug Rehabilitative Treatment facility, he/she can be referred into this program for reentry and follow up support.