



Executive Director, Sylvester 'Casey' Jones

The Prescott House administration is led by its Executive Director Sylvester 'Casey' Jones, who has been committed to the mission of the program since its inception and his days as a case worker when first hired in 1970. As the Executive Director he is responsible for all aspects of the management and supervision of the facilities day-to-day operation.

The Executive Director is assisted by a Program Director, an Executive Assistant, Youth Care Worker and Food Worker. All of whom must be qualified by education and/or experience. Staff development is important to keep up with new trends and to insure maximum services to the residents. Prescott House provides the following:

- Orientation and in-service training for all new staff.
- Continuing in-service training utilizing Prescott House staff, community resources and outside consultants.
- Accommodation to attend related professional seminars and conferences outside of the facility.
- Encouragement and support of on-going formal education in job related course work.

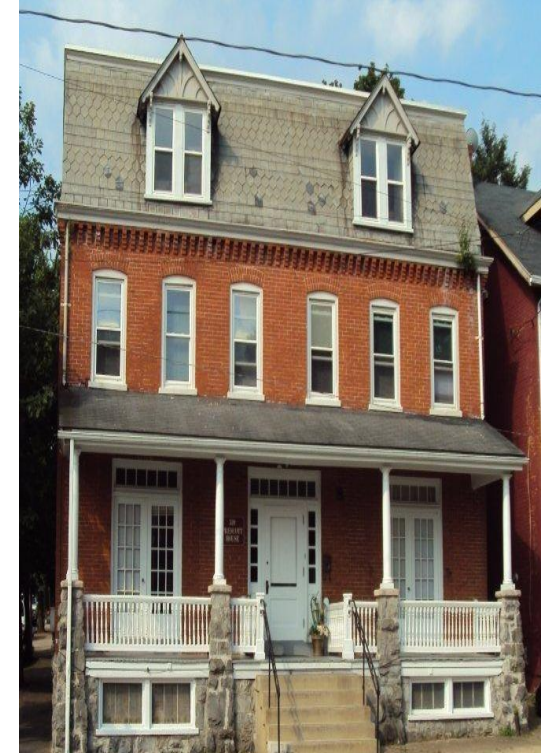
## History

The Prescott House, then known as Halfway House and later changed to Horizon House was founded in June 1970 under the sponsorship of the Lancaster County Council of Churches, a non-profit. In 1985 the Horizon House became known as the Prescott House and today is a private for-profit corporation. Over the years, the Prescott House has successfully served more than 1200 boys initially as a group home for adjudicated delinquents. Today we focus on the care and services to adjudicated youth who are identified with issues ranging from anger and aggression, to sexual abuse, and substance abuse. We have also found success in servicing young men who lack the skill and opportunity to live independently. Our services are provided in a comfortable and structure residential group home environment.

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# PRESCOTT HOUSE

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## MISSION

Our mission is to provide the highest quality supervision, counseling and treatment services to adjudicated male youth utilizing evidence based practices to address identifiable core issues to modify behavior, reduce the likelihood of recidivism and to develop independent living skills in a comfortable and structured residential group home environment.

## ABOUT US

Prescott House is a group home with over 40 years of experience in residential treatment for adjudicated male delinquents age 14-20. Founded in 1970, Prescott House is deeply entrenched in the heart and spirit of the Lancaster Community and is located in a residential neighborhood within walking distance of downtown Lancaster. We are Licensed by the Department of Public Welfare, Prescott House has successfully served over 1,200 clients from over 10 surrounding counties.

## FACILITY

- Maximum Capacity – 12
- Eight bedrooms: 4 single rooms and 4 double rooms.
- Large Kitchen and eat in Dining Room
- Washroom facility
- TV/Family Room
- Meeting/Library/Study Room
- Large recreation/TV/work out area on lower level.

The physical environment of any treatment program directly impacts the quality of care. Cleanliness and maintenance of the building and grounds are as important as clinical activities. By setting high expectations in these areas, staff teaches responsibility and respect for property and the environment, which are life skills that will carry back to their communities. Lastly, for both staff and the clients, it is important to create an environment conducive to treatment and aesthetically pleasing to clients, family, staff and the broader community.

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*"Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts, temperate by doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts. Good habits formed at youth make all the difference." ~Aristotle*

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## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. Remove barriers to success by employing proven behavioral modification techniques to combat negative behaviors and poor decision making habits.
2. Help improve communication skills.
3. Help develop syntonc ways of meeting physical and emotional needs.
4. Help re-establish appropriate linkage among youth, family, and community.
5. Develop independent living skills.

## ADMISSION PROFILE

The typical resident is a male aged 14-20 who has been found by the court to require placement outside of his natural home or institutional facility. Prescott House serves as the initial placement site for youth in need of treatment to address their cognitive, behavioral, educational and abuse issues, as well as, a facility to prepare boys for transition back into society after leaving an institutional setting.

A commitment to the program on the part of the resident is required. Since Prescott House is a homelike environment and not a secure facility, individuals who exhibit uncontrollable aggressive violence or addition are not appropriate referrals.

## REFERRALS

Intake referrals are made by the juvenile probation office of the respective counties served. A social history, psychological report and legal charges are forwarded to Prescott House Program Director for review. An interview date is scheduled and the Program Director will travel to the county, making the referral for the interview to take place. Prescott House administrative office hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Upon acceptance, the following documents are needed: court order, medical consent, proof of medical insurance, physical exam report, history of immunization, allergies and current medication, if any.

## TREATMENT PHILOSOPHY

Our history of success has been firmly based on what is now known as Balance and Restorative Justice (BARJ) practices. The three prong approach includes.

- Accountability
- Competency
- Development/Community Safety

In keeping with the ongoing nuances in the treatment of juveniles we have recently integrated Evidence Based Programs for juveniles approved by the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency, including but not limited to Aggressive Replacement Therapy (ART), Thinking for a Change (T4C) to improve self-evaluation, self-correction and building social skills and Preparing Adolescents for Young Adulthood (PAYA) to educate and teach skills necessary to live independently upon discharge.

Additional program components proven to bring about positive results and maximize personal growth include the following:

- Individualized daily schedules
- Mandatory drug and alcohol evaluation.
- Individual therapeutic counseling
- Expanded family counseling.
- Individual and group therapy pertaining to anger management/conflict resolution.
- Independent Living Skill Development
- Academic Development and Support.
- Vocational Development and Employment Opportunities

## DISCHARGE

Discharge from the Prescott House Program is based on the recommendation of the Youth Care Worker assigned to the case and the Probation Officer to the courts that the resident has made sufficient progress to merit discharge. The average placement at Prescott House is six to nine months.