a Christian therapeutic boarding school for girls
more than a school

For Christian families seeking a values based treatment program for their troubled teen, *evangelhouse* Christian Academy offers a clinically driven yet Christian focused option.

Founded in 1995, *evangelhouse* Christian Academy is a private, parent-choice therapeutic boarding school for girls offering 6th through 12th grades.

a place to become rooted, grow and mature
about us

our mission
We support Christian families by engaging their troubled teen student in a five-stage growth process toward Spiritual, Emotional, Academic, Social, and Physical maturity.

our vision
We are a school of excellence, setting the Christian standard within the marketplace of private, parent-choice therapeutic boarding schools.

our philosophy
• We take a unique approach integrating conservative Christian values with professional psychological services.
• We teach Biblically based non-denominational Christian values.
• We encourage students to apply their enhanced relationship with God to their family’s denominational heritage.

our location
Our 25-acre scenic campus is located in historic Saint Martinville, Louisiana. Our campus is approximately 200 miles east of Houston, Texas, and 150 miles west of New Orleans, Louisiana. Lafayette Regional Airport (LFT) is the nearest airport located approximately 20 miles from our campus.
profile student

The profile Evangelhouse Christian Academy student has come from a Christian upbringing, but her current choices and behavior problems require structural change. The problems the student is facing may take on different forms or emerge in multiple areas of functioning.

Parents enroll their daughters for various behavior problems, experimental substance abuse, academic or family difficulties. Many students present with mild to moderate DSM-IV diagnoses such as depression, ADHD, bi-polar disorder, and other mood, behavior or learning disorders.

more than a school

Our therapeutic boarding school structure provides the focus necessary to complete a long-term life building experience. The problems students are dealing with can take on different forms, but we treat the outward behaviors as symptoms of an internal struggle. At Evangelhouse, we guide students to overcome not only the behavior symptoms, but their underlying root causes.
a place to become rooted

Our school is organized around five areas of wellness in which students can become rooted - Spiritual, Therapeutic, Academic, Social and Physical. The evangelhouse solution supports students in dealing with the symptoms and their underlying root causes.

**Spiritual symptoms**
- angry at or blaming God
- embracing destructive values
- failure to thrive in spiritual life
- spiritual shame
- hopelessness
- lack of moral reasoning
- rejection of family belief system

**the evangelhouse solution**
Non-denominational Christian values permeate all segments of the school. Although it is never forced, our lively spiritual atmosphere, discipleship curriculum, interactive worship, and church involvement encourage students to explore the benefits of life-changing spiritual growth.

**Therapeutic symptoms**
- DSM-IV diagnosis of mild to moderate mood & behavior disorders
- impaired judgment
- lack of bonding
- external locus of control
- substance experimentation
- personality disorder precursors
- emotional regulation problems

**the evangelhouse solution**
Clinical leadership is foundational to planning student goals, behavior expectations, school interventions, campus life, spiritual mentorship, physical activity and social development. A multidisciplinary approach is taken when implementing these interventions from an educated, professional design. Individual, family and group therapy interventions are structured to develop maturity, insight, and self-awareness.
### Symptoms

**Academic**
- Lack of motivation
- Disruptive classroom behavior
- Learning disorders
- Academic underachievement
- Problems with traditional classroom structure
- Academic overachievement

**The Evangel House Solution**
- Therapeutic leadership guides education planning for each student.
- Licensed teachers administer a nationally accredited curriculum to accommodate a variety of student needs.
- We support students with learning challenges presented by emotional problems or mood disorders.

**Social**
- Impaired family functioning
- Shallow or serial friendships
- Poor social judgment or relationship choices
- Internet & technology addiction
- Lack of age appropriate maturity
- Failure to respond to limit setting

**The Evangel House Solution**
- The unique social structures cultivate 360-degree feedback from peers, parents, and professional staff.
- Such feedback hones students’ awareness of their behavior and its effect on themselves and others.
- The connection between their actions and resulting outcomes is emphasized to develop enhanced social skills and emotional growth.

**Physical**
- Poor diet
- Lack of exercise
- Emotional eating
- Loss of interest in personal enrichment
- Poor hygiene
- Negative body image or appearance anxiety
- Lack of confidence

**The Evangel House Solution**
- Unique and exciting experiential education activities with a vigorous regimen of physical exercise provide practical learning opportunities.
- Students learn assertiveness, empowerment, mood management, and character development through physical development.
“For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit.”

Jeremiah 17: 7-8 NAS
Growth is a measurable process that requires healthy conditions and ample time. The evangelhouse Christian Academy lifeleaf treatment model creates the right conditions, the right amount of time, and a gauge to measure spiritual, emotional, intellectual, social and physical growth.

Students grow in each lifeleaf through 5 stages.

The 5 stages guide goal setting and measures progress. It takes a student 12 to 18 months to complete all 5 stages.

Through stages 1, 2, & 3, students overcome their behavior symptoms.

As students progress through stages 4 and 5 they work beyond behavior symptoms and overcome underlying causes.

Finally, students internalize change as they complete the lifeleaf process.
clinical and spiritual integration
Through the lifeleaf™ growth process students gain emotional maturity, insight, and self-awareness. As the growth process unfurls, clinical expertise guides the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of students. Christian values guide students beyond symptoms to internalized character, integrity, and leadership. The clinical and spiritual components combined complete a long-term life building maturity experience.

psychological testing
The evangelhouse™ extensive evaluation process uses psycho-educational testing to clarify diagnosis, educational needs, and long-term treatment planning. Psychological testing is provided by our consulting Christian psychologist.

medication management
Many evangelhouse students have medication needs for mild forms of depression, anxiety, ADHD, or bipolar disorder. Some students come to us misdiagnosed and have complicated situations as a result. Students with such needs have the benefit of long-term medication evaluation and diagnostic feedback with our adolescent specialist psychiatrist. We work very closely on an outpatient basis to provide closely monitored medication interventions. Parents are always involved in this process and speak directly with the doctor by teleconference at each visit.
psychotherapy

Our licensed clinicians provide individual, family and group therapy interventions structured within the lifeleaf stages of growth. Therapeutic services include:

- Professional Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment Planning
- Weekly Individual Therapy
- Weekly Group Therapy
- Parent & Family Therapy
- Weekly Therapeutic Education Groups
- Semiannual Experiential Family Therapy Retreats

spiritual integration

The Christian emphasis seamlessly integrates with professional counseling and clinical aspects of evangelhouse. Students participate in spiritual development activities through practically applied life skills, Biblical teachings, church involvement, and personal development. Our faculty has vast experience in student ministry, along with relevant professional and academic credentials.

While the school maintains a non-denominational approach, students attend First Assembly of God church. The church provides an opportunity for students to explore and experience God in a renewed way, yet they are taught to honor their parents’ denominational heritage within that renewed relationship. Families from a variety of Catholic and Protestant denominations find this approach effective for re-connecting their daughter to God through Jesus Christ.
Since 1995 evangelhouse Christian Academy has graduated over 200 students attending from over 30 states and 5 foreign countries.

a small school with a big impact

follow-up studies

Grouped program outcome studies provided by our accrediting agencies, NATSAP and TCUSA, prove the evangelhouse Christian Academy approach to be effective.

- Teen Challenge USA study shows 86% of graduates reported the spiritual growth they experienced while enrolled made a significant difference in their sobriety and their lives 3 years after graduation.
  - Wilder Research Minnesota Follow-Up Study 2007

- The National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs study reports significant improvements in youth academic functioning and youth family relationships during treatment and beyond one year afterward.
  - Behrens Residential Study 2007; Behrens & Satterfield, 2007
outcomes

testimonials

“I thought you might enjoy hearing that Natalie has been and is doing very well- and she has a great zeal for living! She was accepted this week into college. The school offered her an academic scholarship to boot. Praise God for the turn-around in Natalie’s life and for the crucial role that evangel house played in her transformation.”

Nate B., Colorado Springs, Colorado
1 year after graduation

“Lindsey’s form of bipolar disorder is severe and has not been cured by any stretch of the imagination, but she is now able to function in our home, and in the real world. She is able to hold down a part-time job, teach a Sunday school class, and is able to ask for help when she needs it. She uses the coping skills she learned there to manage her illness.”

Tina B., New Orleans, Louisiana
1 ½ years after graduation

“Caitlin seems very happy, back to her “normal” self, and she is working hard at her studies. I just wanted to let you know and thank you and all the staff for your prayers for Caitlin. We remain thankful to [God] and for the seeds that were sown in Caitlin’s life at evangel house Christian Academy.”

Susan P., Washington D.C.
2 years after graduation
profile student
Semi-voluntary, mild to moderate troubled teen girl.

gender
Girls only.

ages
Grades 6 through 12 (usually ages 12 through 18).

capacity
Enrollment is limited to 14 students.

length of stay
12 months to 18 months.

academic options
College preparatory, general or vocational high school diplomas.

enrollment deadline
None. Year-round open admissions.

application fee
Free no obligation assessment.

admission fee
$3,000 One-time fee upon enrollment.

tuition
$7,800 per month of enrollment.

financial aid
Student loans available.

psychological testing
Full battery of tests available.

therapeutic services
Individual, family & group therapy.

psychiatric services
Coordinated outpatient psychiatrist.

philosophy
Christian non-denominational integrated with professional therapy.

accreditation & memberships
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