

## The Lodge

Just minutes away from downtown Atchison, The Lodge sits on 177 lush acres. The Lodge boasts approximately 7,000 square feet with a large activities room, lounge, full kitchen, sleeping areas and more. Time spent enjoying the amenities of The Lodge and surrounding grounds is certainly time well spent. Hiking, fishing, and canoeing are also offered as well as outdoor and indoor games.

The peaceful setting is perfect for group activities. Enjoy the beauty of nature from the comfort of a screened-in back porch, or up close and personal on two stocked ponds and acres of woods and grassland.



## Saint Francis Community Services

Since 1945, Saint Francis Community Services, Inc. has been the voice of hope for children and families. The ministry began with a residential boys' home in Ellsworth, Kansas. It has since expanded to include a wide range of services for children, families, couples and individuals of all ages.

### Mission Statement

Our mission is to be an instrument of healing for children, youths, and families in spirit, mind, and body, so they live responsibly and productively with purpose and hope.

# INDEPENDENT LIVING RETREAT



**Atchison Lodge**  
**19137-258<sup>th</sup> Road**  
**Atchison, Kansas 66002**



# Overview

Independent Living Retreats will be offered on weekends during the fall, winter and spring at the Atchison Lodge for youth over the age of 15 that are in out-of-home care. These youths will age out of the system in a couple of years and will be living on their own with little financial resources. The Independent Living Retreats offer life skills training in areas of relationships, visioning arts, housing/money management, and self-care.



## Program Information

The Independent Living Retreats offer the following programs:

- **Relationship Training:**

Communication, Child Care, Positive Adult Connections, Spiritual Living, Ropes Courses, and Sex Education and Health.

- **Visioning Arts:**

This program allows youths to create art as a visual medium that will define how the youth will achieve future goals by being independent.

- **Housing, Money Management, Employment and Education:**

Obtaining Employment, Career Planning, Money Management-Budgeting, Locating and Maintaining Housing, Post-Secondary Education, and Vocational Training.

- **Self-Care:**

Hygiene, Health, Nutrition, Cooking, Cleaning, and Appearance.