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Serving young people age 14 – 23 throughout Connecticut

Providing ***safe, supportive, empowering*** programs and services that help young people transition into adulthood. LISA, Inc. ensures that youth feel safe and cared for so that they can:

- Develop healthy interpersonal relationships
 - Heal from abuse and neglect
 - Achieve academically
 - Build vocational competency
- Effectively manage social and cultural interactions
 - Explore their spiritual wants and needs
 - Learn real-life independent living skills
- Access the community resources and services they need

LISA, Inc. is a private, 501c3, non-profit agency. Our target population includes young people in Connecticut who are in the custody of DCF. LISA, Inc. programs are located in Bristol, Plainville, and Waterbury, but our young people come to us from across the state of Connecticut. We are proud to have served the community for over 40 years.

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Programs and Services

Lisa's Wish – Located in Plainville. The Supportive Work, Education, and Transition program serves young woman, age 17-20. Serving up to 8 girls, we provide a safe, stable 8-bedroom apartment, with staff located in an adjacent area of the program. Weekly opportunities for skill development, educational support, and healing is the focus. Our girls have a history of abuse and neglect and have experienced multiple placements throughout their lives. Lisa's Wish intends to help girls build a foundation for a successful future.

Supervised Apartments (SAIL) in Bristol - Transitional apartments for male and female young adults working toward independence, including expectant moms and parenting youth. Offering one and two bedroom condos and 24/7 staff support. This program serves DCF-referred older adolescents making the transition to adulthood.

Community Based Life Skills (CBLs) - A non-residential, community-based program for youth age 14-21 and reside in the greater Waterbury area. We provide meaningful life skills that support youth in foster care make a successful transition to independent living through group and individualized sessions.

Youth Excellence Program: A volunteer-run mentoring program serving adolescent boys age 13-17 who are in foster care, congregate care or independent living. Participating youth partake in two activities per month leading up to a weeklong trip to the Yosemite National Park in California.

My Life, My Choice: A new curriculum offered to girls and young women ages 14-23. MLMC aims at preventing and/or intervening in commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking.

Many of LISA, Inc.'s programs are funded by the CT Department of Children and Families. We also receive support from the Odyssey Foundation, CT Community Foundation, Community Foundation of New Britain, Ion Bank, Naugatuck Valley Savings and Loan Foundation, Melville Foundation and the Plainville Community Foundation and the Fund for Women and Girls at the Main St. Community Foundation.

All fundraising activities directly benefit the youth in our care.

WHO IS LISA?

Lisa was one of over 1,000 children who died from child abuse in 1987. At six years of age, Lisa Steinberg died on Nov. 1, 1987 from injuries caused by years of physical abuse by her adoptive parents. At that time, the agency was merging three programs under one unified name. Executive Director, Robert Butler was moved by her story as he lived most of his childhood in foster care. He renamed the agency "LISA, Inc." and began providing housing, case management and independent living services to adolescent girls in Plainville. Over the next 20 years, new programs were developed to meet the growing needs of the state's most vulnerable youth. Up until his death in 2006, he devoted his life to help young people heal from the abuse and neglect in their lives.

The memory of Lisa Steinberg and founder Robert Butler are ever-present reminders that our purpose is to keep children safe and help them develop into healthy, successful, productive members of society.