

OVERCOMING STARTS
HERE



MYA, 24

immerse

OUR BIG GOAL

**To build a broad,
reliable pathway to
healing available
to every
youth from crisis
in Arkansas.**



CHASE, 14

YOUTH FROM CRISIS



OVERCOMERS

**Transition Age Youth
14- to 24-Year-Olds**

Adulthood

In foster care or aging out
Adopted
Runaway
Experiencing homelessness
Trafficking victim

Resilient
Healing
Ready for Life

1,706

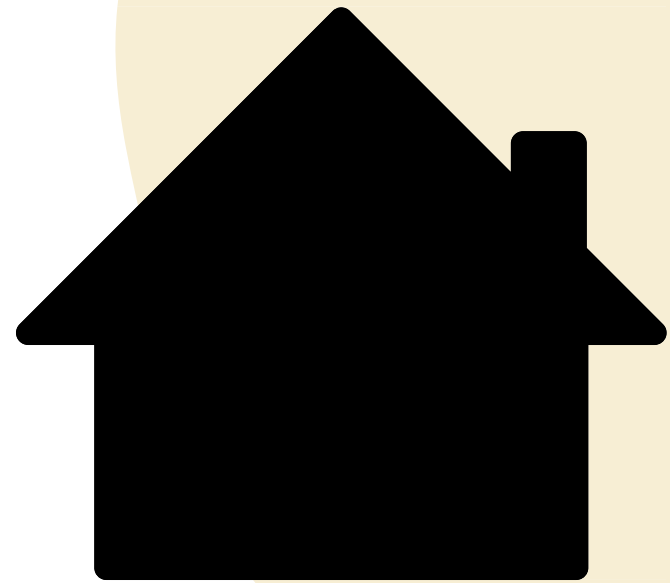
**14-21 yo in Arkansas'
AR foster care system**

Moved Every 140 Days

24% Lower Graduation Rate

1,000 aged out in last 5yrs

40%



youth who exit
foster care at age
18 will experience
homelessness at
least once by age
24

8-12%



of foster youth
complete a
post-secondary
degree

**Up to
80%**



of foster youth
possess
significant
mental health
challenges

55%



employed at 21

THE PROBLEM

Abuse, neglect and trauma have wreaked havoc on the relationships, identity and resilience of youth from crisis, making their transition to adulthood extremely challenging.



DEREK, 20

THE SOLUTION

When we surround youth from crisis with **unconditional relationships, tools that anticipate their needs and dreams and a vision for their restored future, we create a climate that leads to healing, growth and transformation.**



HALEIGH, 14, WITH IMMERSE COACH



TRINITY, 17

Youth + Coach + Therapist building a **BASE.**

Well Being

At Least One Caring Adult

Safe & Stable Housing

Earning Potential

Youth Center

The OC

Inspire youth to achieve big goals, and connect them with tools and a community of support.



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Youth Shelter

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Protect youth from the streets through a low-barrier safe place to sleep and get help.



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Transitional Living

LifeBASE

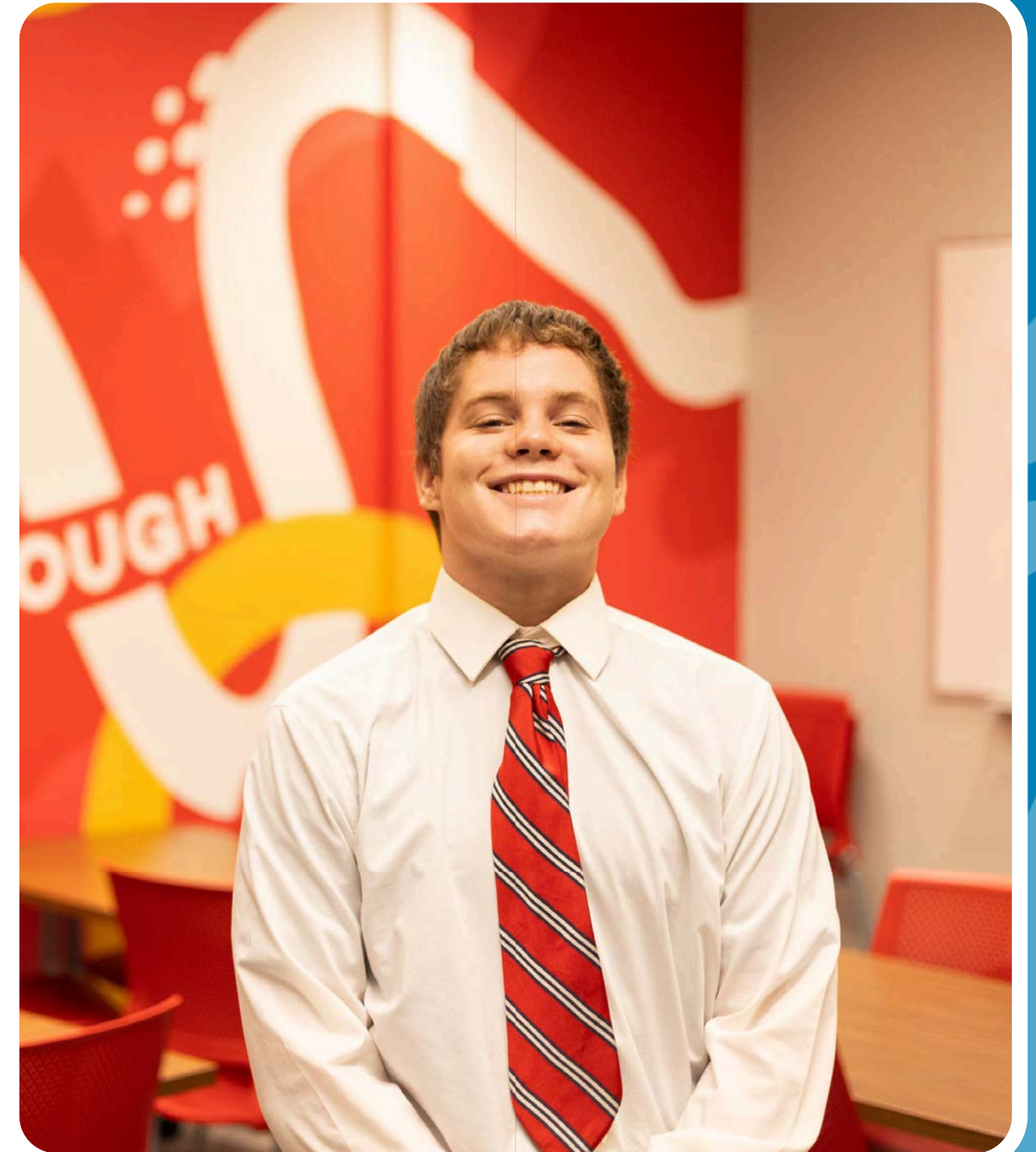
Equip youth through a transitional living program in houses, apartments, or families.

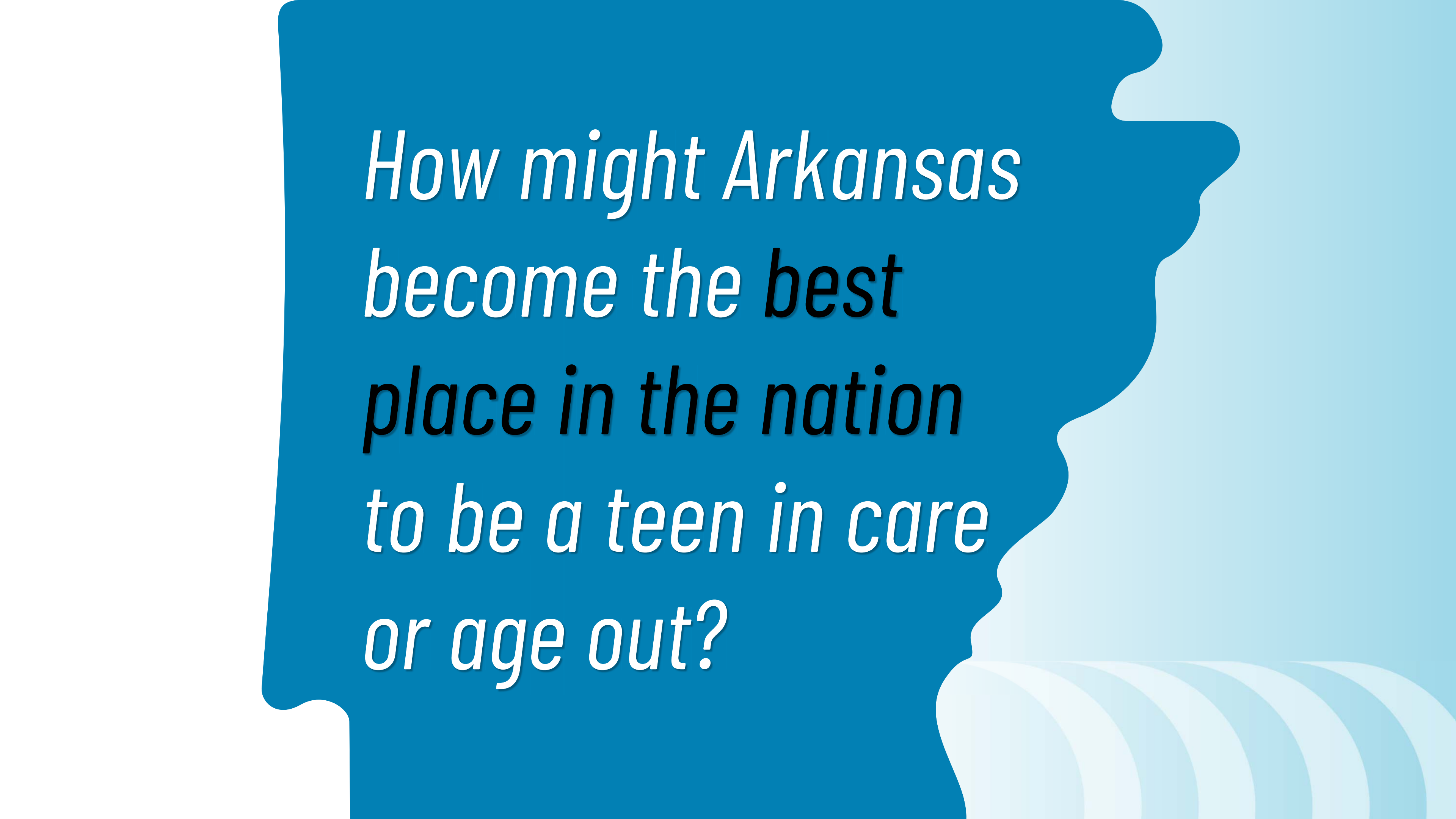


THE RESULTS ARE ENCOURAGING

- **89%** of young people had an increase in their mental and physical well-being
- **4 out of 5** youth exited with safe and stable housing
- **75%** of young people exited their programs enrolled in school or employed

*From Central Arkansas LifeBASE
and Shelter programs in 2025





*How might Arkansas
become the **best**
place in the nation
to be a teen in care
or age out?*

Ready for Life Task Force



*Every child in Arkansas deserves
a safe, stable, nurturing family every day.*



Immerse Arkansas Regional Approach



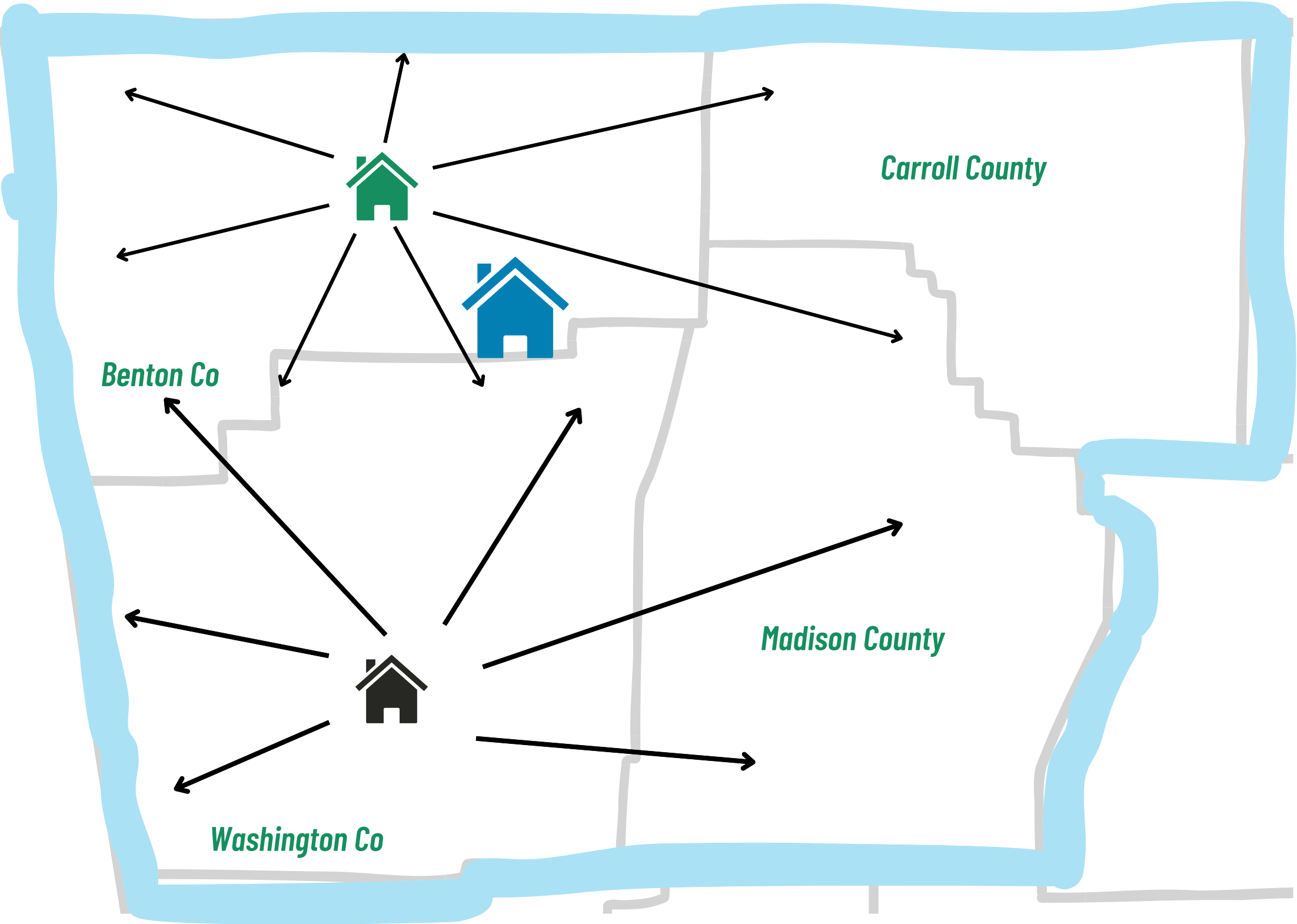
Support Office



-LB & Shelter Community
-LB Teen Programming

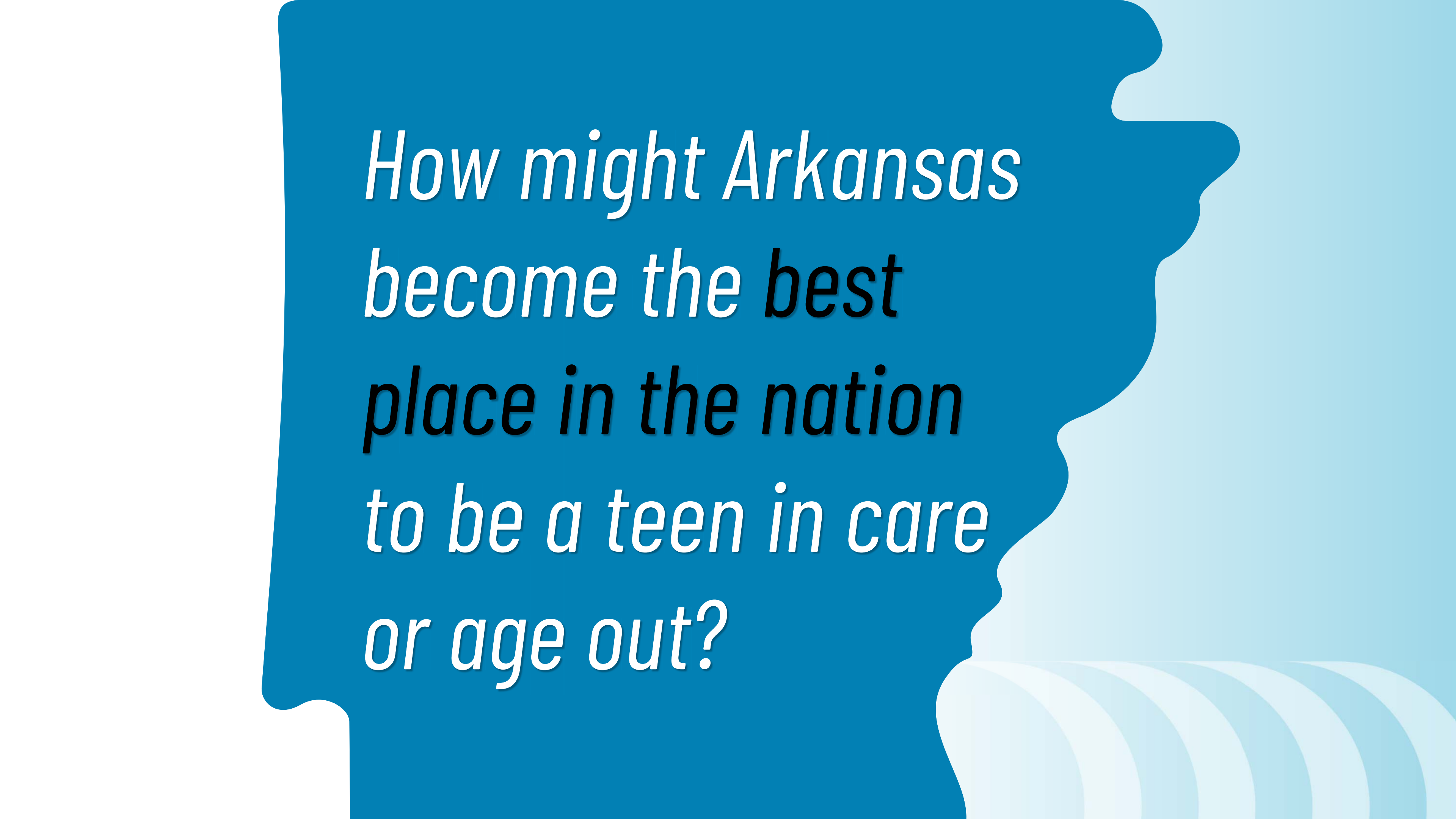


LB Teen Programming



Immerse W. Fayetteville Campus





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