

## **At-Risk Youth in North Texas**

There are more than **10,000** youth labeled "at-risk" across North Texas. Being labelled "at-risk" means that these youth are less likely to be able to transition successfully to adulthood. Most of these youth are from low-income homes, challenged by years of adverse life situations, loweducational attainment, and family instability – all which impact their chances of gaining economic self-sufficiency, job readiness skills and healthy relationships. At-risk youth are more likely to:

- Skip school
- Have risky/underage sex
- Participate in gangs
- Abuse substances
- Have violent/aggressive behavior
- Commit theft/petty crimes.

## **Providing a Consistent Influence**

When youth have a consistent influence in their life, they are shown to have improved life skills, improved behavior, increased academic achievement, increased self-esteem and increased selfcontrol. The impact on their future is immeasurable! We provide 1:1 life coaching designed to address the unique needs of at-risk youth. Each youth is paired with a full time Life Coach with whom they meet in person weekly inside the school environment. They focus on:

- Attendance
- Financial literacy
- Extracurricular involvement and success
- Improved family and peer relationships.

## **Our Work**

Since 2017, Together We Thrive has committed to working with at-risk youth across North Texas. These youth have experienced abuse, neglect, sex trafficking, incarceration, homelessness or aging out of the foster care system. We are committed to being the consistent influence in the lives of youth who are navigating life on their own. We know that being there is being the difference and that we truly are **BETTER TOGETHER**.

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- We serve **150** at-risk youth each week across North Texas.
- We provide more than **7,000** hours of life coaching each year. •
- We work in partnership with Dallas ISD, Frisco ISD, The Juliette Fowler Youth Support Center and The Ebby House.
- **75% to 90%** of students we work with through group sessions or 1:1 life coaching remain in school and make progress toward graduation.

