

ETC Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth (TLP)

Overall Purpose: To help young people who are homeless make a successful transition to self-sufficiency.

Self-sufficiency is attained through the following:

- Sense of Safety and Well-being
- Permanent Connections
- Stable Housing
- Education and Employment
- Skills Training
- Support Services

Housing Model:

- One/two bedroom apartment units in a complex with 24-hour onsite supervision by TLP staff
- The lease is secured by ETC and the agency will pay 100% of rent for a mutually agreed upon time
- ETC will provide basic furnishings if the youth doesn't have any possessions
- To help youth practice budgeting for housing expenses, the youth must work towards paying ETC a minimum "Rent" of \$100 or 35% of income (whichever is greater); when able, the youth must pay full amount of "Rent"
- ALL FUNDS paid to ETC as "rent" are held in escrow as savings and **will be returned to youth** when they are discharged from the program. With staff approval, funds may also be withdrawn by the youth for special purchases.
- The goal will be for the youth to transition to their own permanent housing situation

Program Design:

- The youth must maintain daily contact (by phone/text) with TLP staff
- TLP staff must see the youth in-person at least 3 times per week
- The youth must participate in life skills sessions with their case manager
- Site visits to the youth's apartment will be conducted at least weekly
- The maximum service period is 18 months

TLP provides skills training in the following areas:

- Education
- Employment
- Money Management
- Credit Management
- Consumer Skills
- Daily Living
- Social Relationships
- Self-care
- Work & Study Skills
- Conflict Resolution

TLP provides support services in the following areas:

- Case Management
- Health Care
- Mental Health
- Employment Assistance
- Linkage to Resources
- Transportation (limited)
- Advocacy

Admission Process:

- Services available for males and females ages 18-22 years old
- Initial contact to screen for eligibility
- Youth completes the application
- TLP staff meet with the youth to assess appropriateness for program and to answer youth's questions
- Youth demonstrates follow through with admission process

If eligibility criteria are met, the youth must also:

- Agree to follow program requirements
- Be employed or obtain job within timeline
- Attend school or vocational program
- Work toward service plan goals
- Abstain from alcohol or other drug use

Additional information:

- Efforts will be made to help youth find more permanent housing in the part of town they are most comfortable
- Parenting youth with their children will be assessed on a case by case basis
- The youth keep whatever furnishings or belongings they accumulate while in the program
- TLP staff and youth can negotiate transportation arrangements for work and school

Long Term Outcome: Youth experience well being, maintain permanent connections, internalize new skills, and live in a safe environment in which they thrive and contribute to society.