

The Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth Program began in 2010 to address the issue of youth homelessness in the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities. The Scott County Continuum of Care and the Northwest Illinois Continuum of Care consists of several community organizations including Bethany for Children & Families, Community Health Care, DeLaCerde House, Family Resources, Inc., Humility of Mary Housing Services, Inc., Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc., The Salvation Army Family Service Center, Project NOW, and Vera French Housing Corporation.

Program Outcomes

- Annually, approximately six to ten youth are transitioned to stable, independent housing.
- An average of ten to 14 youth are active participants in the program at any given time.



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Assists homeless youth in obtaining a stable housing environment to enhance their future success



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What is the Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth Program?

The Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth (THY) Program provides comprehensive services that address the most pressing needs homeless youth have: a safe, stable home; income adequate to meet their most basic needs; and assistance and direction in overcoming the problems that interfere with their ability to live independently. The program encourages self-sufficiency by giving young people opportunities to exercise leadership and responsibility, build skills, and get involved in their communities.



Who qualifies for these services?

THY services are available to male and female youth ages 16 to 21 who are homeless or living in a shelter. Youth must attend school or be employed. Single parenting youth may also be accepted into the program.

How are referrals handled for this program?

Referrals to the THY program can be made by relatives, educators, counselors, social service agencies, and homeless shelters. A case manager will review the referral document, interview the individual, and use the Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment to estimate the youth's abilities before he/she enters the program.

What services does the youth receive while in the program?

The program provides:

- ✓ Case management and supervision;
- ✓ Educational counseling or referral placement;
- ✓ Assistance with food, clothing vouchers, and transportation;
- ✓ Money management;
- ✓ Mental health services;
- ✓ Food and other staples of daily living;
- ✓ Allowance and housing assistance;
- ✓ Community medical, dental, and psychiatric services;
- ✓ Recreational and leisure activities;
- ✓ Community vocational training skills;
- ✓ Assistance with resolving legal issues;
- ✓ Employment counseling;
- ✓ Family counseling;
- ✓ Individual assistance based on client needs.



A Case Manager assists client-youth to work out solutions to his/her problems in and through the community and within the local judicial systems. The Case Manager also follows-up on all recommended treatment services with an emphasis on mental health, counseling, aftercare, chemical dependency, and medication monitoring.

Where are the youth located?

Client-youth are located in various apartments located in the Quad Cities. The apartments are furnished through donations from the community. There is on-going, random monitoring of all client-youth 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.



During the program period, the THY program prepares youth to transition into adulthood and live in a stable, safe, clean environment while utilizing community resources for continued future independent success.



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