Youth and Young Adult Housing Resources in Philadelphia: A Guide for Providers

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Compiled by the partners of the Philly Homes 4 Youth Coalition. Visit http://www.phila.gov/homelessservices/youth-initiative/ for more information about the Coalition.

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Emergency Shelters for Youth Ages 12-17

Youth Emergency Services
1526 Fairmount Avenue
215-787-0633
Youth ages 12-17

Pathways PA Basic Center Program
5013 Hazel Avenue
215-397-4287
Females ages 13-17

Connection Training Services- Youth Transition Center
5738 Thomas Avenue
267-969-7272
Youth ages 14-17

Emergency Shelters for Youth/Young Adults Ages 18 & Up

Office of Homeless Services- Centralized Homeless Intake Services (City-funded shelter intake)

Centralized Homeless Intake Services includes an assessment of eligibility and service needs of persons and families presenting for placement into emergency housing. If eligible, persons and families are placed in appropriate emergency housing, boarding homes, or other alternative housing. Mental health assessments and referrals to drug/alcohol treatment, health services, children and youth services, legal services and veteran’s services, etc., are provided as needed.

If you are currently experiencing homelessness, please report to one of the central intake centers listed. You must go through central intake for an initial assessment of your housing needs before placement into the homeless housing system.

Intake by hours:

Monday through Friday 7:00AM-5:00 PM
Single Women and Families: Appletree Family Center, 1430 Cherry Street
Monday through Friday 7:00AM-3:00 PM
Single Men: Roosevelt Darby Center, 802 N. Broad Street

After 5:00 PM Monday-Friday, Weekends and Holidays
Families: Salvation Army Red Shield Family Residence, 715 N. Broad Street
After 3:00 PM Monday-Friday, Weekends and Holidays
Single Women: House of Passage, 49th & Haverford Avenue
Single Men: Station House, 2601 N. Broad Street
Intake by category:

**Families/Single Women Seeking Emergency Housing Services**
Apple Tree Family Center
INTAKE: Mon-Fri: 7:00am-5:00pm
1430 Cherry Street
215-686-7150, 7151, or 7153

**Families Only Seeking Emergency Housing After-Hours Services**
Salvation Army Red Shield Family Residence
INTAKE: Holidays & Weekends; After 5pm
715 N. Broad Street
215-787-2887

**Single Women Only Seeking Emergency Housing After-Hours Services**
Gaudenzia’s House of Passage, Kirkbride Center
INTAKE: Holidays & Weekends; After 3pm
48th Street and Haverford Avenue (48th Street side entrance)
215-471-2017

**Single Men Seeking Emergency Housing Services**
The Roosevelt Darby Center
INTAKE: Mon-Fri: 7:00am-3:00pm
802 North Broad Street
215-685-3700

**Single Men Seeking Emergency Housing After-Hours Services**
Station House
INTAKE: Holidays & Weekends; After 3pm
2601 N. Broad Street (rear entrance)
215-225-9230

**Men at Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission**
302 N. 13th Street
215-922-6400

**Young adult shelters**

Covenant House PA
31 E Armat Street
215-951-5411
18 to 21 years old only

**Hotline Resources**

Domestic Violence Hotline
Overview of types of housing programs/Terms

When providing an overview of different types of housing programs, it is important to understand what different terms mean. Below are links to descriptions of different housing terms and program types. Not all programs that will be described in this packet fit into one of the categories below, but this can help provide an outline of what to expect from different programs.

- **Rapid Re-Housing**: Rapid Re-Housing focuses on assisting households move more quickly into permanent home environments—with appropriate services and support—minimizing the time they spend in shelters or on the street. Each individual is limited to a maximum of 12 months of assistance. For more information, please visit here: [http://www.phila.gov/homelessservices/rapid-re-housing/](http://www.phila.gov/homelessservices/rapid-re-housing/)

- **Transitional housing**: Transitional Housing provides supportive housing to enable homeless individuals and families move to permanent housing. It is time-limited for up to 24 months. Those residing in transitional housing receive supportive services. For more information, please visit here: [http://www.phila.gov/homelessservices/supportive-housing/](http://www.phila.gov/homelessservices/supportive-housing/)

- **Permanent Supportive Housing**: Permanent Supportive Housing is long-term (not time-limited), safe and decent living arrangements linked to supportive services for homeless and disabled individuals and families. This housing enables persons experiencing homelessness to live independently. In order to qualify for Permanent Supportive Housing, an individual must have a documented disability that limits their ability to live independently. For more information, please visit here: [http://www.phila.gov/homelessservices/supportive-housing/](http://www.phila.gov/homelessservices/supportive-housing/)

- **HUD Definition of Literal Homelessness**: Another important definition is around HUD’s definition of literal homelessness. All housing programs (and most programs listed below, with a few exceptions) require an individual to meet HUD’s definition of literal homelessness:
  - HUD definition of “literally homeless”: (1) Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements
Housing Options for Youth Ages 18 and Up

**Housing options for youth with DHS History/Achieving Independence Center (AIC) eligibility required**

**Youth must be Achieving Independence Center (AIC) eligible in order to qualify for the programs in the chart below, meaning that they must have been in out of home placement through the child welfare system after their 14th birthday. If you think a youth may meet these criteria but are unsure, you can call the AIC Center at 215-574-9194 and ask to check the young person’s eligibility for enrollment.**

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| Methodist Quads Transitional Housing Program | Must have DHS history/be AIC eligible and have exited DHS care. Young men and women ages 18-21, without children. Youth must be either working or in school to qualify for this program. | Referred by Housing Team at Achieving Independence Center. Young person can talk to their AIC Coach if in need of housing.  
Visit [http://www.methodistservices.org](http://www.methodistservices.org) or call 215-877-1925 to confirm information. |
| Methodist Fresh Start Permanent Supportive Housing Program | Must have DHS history/be AIC eligible and have exited DHS care. Young women ages 18-24 with 1 child or single. Head of household MUST have mental health diagnosis documented by a physician. Must meet HUD definition of homelessness. | Referred by Housing Team at Achieving Independence Center. Young person can talk to their AIC Coach if in need of housing.  
Visit [http://www.methodistservices.org](http://www.methodistservices.org) or call 215-877-1925 to confirm information. |
<p>| Northern Children’s Services Generations II Transitional Housing Program | Must have DHS history/be AIC eligible and have exited DHS care. Young women ages 18-21 who are pregnant or parenting. Maximum | Referred by Housing Team at Achieving Independence Center OR referred by emergency shelter/street outreach via OHS Clearinghouse process. Young person can talk to their AIC Coach if in |</p>
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<td>Valley Youth House Supportive Housing Program (will transition to Rapid Re-Housing as of October 2017)</td>
<td>Must have DHS history/be AIC eligible and have exited DHS care. Young men and young women, with or without children. Ages 18-21. Must meet HUD definition of homelessness.</td>
<td>Referred by Housing Team at Achieving Independence Center. Young person can talk to their AIC Coach if in need of housing. Visit <a href="https://www.valleyyouthhouse.org/programs/transitional-housing/supportive-housing-program-shp-2/">https://www.valleyyouthhouse.org/programs/transitional-housing/supportive-housing-program-shp-2/</a> or call 215-925-3180 to confirm information.</td>
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<td>Valley Youth House Room &amp; Board Program</td>
<td>Must have DHS history/AIC eligible and have exited DHS care. Youth can be house hopping or at risk of homelessness. Program provides up to 1 year of rental assistance.</td>
<td>Referred by Housing Team at Achieving Independence Center. Young person can talk to their AIC Coach if in need of housing. Visit <a href="https://www.valleyyouthhouse.org/programs/transitional-housing/room-board-rb/">https://www.valleyyouthhouse.org/programs/transitional-housing/room-board-rb/</a> or call 215-925-3180 to confirm information.</td>
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*Other housing options for youth ages 18-21 (Must be referred prior to age 22)*

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<td>Pathways PA Transitional Living Program</td>
<td>Pregnant or parenting female ages 16-21; cannot be currently involved in child welfare or juvenile justice system. Must meet HUD definition of homelessness.</td>
<td>Can be referred by any community organization or youth can call. Contact 215-921-9672 for referral process. Visit <a href="http://www.pathwayspa.org/index.php/">http://www.pathwayspa.org/index.php/</a></td>
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Covenant House PA Rights of Passage Program

Transitional housing program for young people exiting Covenant House emergency shelter. Young people in Covenant House shelter, including those with and without children, who are employed and have $300 saved eligible to enter Rights of Passage program.

Referred from Covenant House shelter (youth must be residing in Covenant House shelter)
Visit http://covenanthousepa.org/ or call 215-951-5411 to confirm information.

Housing options for youth ages 18-24 (Must be referred prior to age 25) & do not have to be referred from emergency shelter

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<td>Valley Youth House PRIDE Rapid Rehousing</td>
<td>LGBTQ youth. Must meet HUD definition of homelessness.</td>
<td>Can be referred by any community organization. Contact 215-925-3180 for referral process.</td>
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<td>Visit <a href="https://www.valleyyouthhouse.org/programs/lgbtq-services/pride/">https://www.valleyyouthhouse.org/programs/lgbtq-services/pride/</a> or call 215-925-3180 to confirm information.</td>
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<td>Project HOME JBJ Soul Homes</td>
<td>Homeless, at risk of homelessness, AND/OR aging out of foster care. Young men or young women without children. Permanent housing program.</td>
<td>Contact Project HOME directly to inquire about application process and whether they are accepting applications for any of their buildings/units: 215-309-5222 or 215-232-7272</td>
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<td>Project HOME Francis House of Peace</td>
<td>Homeless, at risk of homelessness, AND/OR aging out of foster care. Young men or young women without children. Permanent housing program.</td>
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<td><strong>Project HOME 2415 N. Broad St.</strong></td>
<td>Homeless, at risk of homelessness, AND/OR aging out of foster care. Young men or young women without children. Permanent housing program.</td>
<td>Contact Project HOME directly to inquire about application process and whether they are accepting applications for any of their buildings/units: 215-309-5222 or 215-232-7272. Visit <a href="https://projecthome.org/locations/housing-residences">https://projecthome.org/locations/housing-residences</a> or call 215-309-5222 to confirm information.</td>
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**Housing options for youth ages 18-24 (Must be referred prior to age 25) & must be referred from emergency shelter or street outreach through the OHS Clearinghouse process**

There are other housing programs specifically for young adults ages 18-24 (including males and females without children, and males and females with children); however, for these programs, individuals must be referred directly from emergency shelter or street outreach through the Office of Homeless Services (OHS) Clearinghouse process. We are including these resources in this guide so that providers are aware of these programs. These programs include:

- Drueing Center- Transitional Housing
**Females with children**

- **Families Forward - Transitional Housing**
  - Families with children (female or male headed households, or couples with children)

- **Help USA - Transitional Housing**
  - Females with children

- **Achievability Haddington House - Transitional Housing**
  - Females with Children

- **People’s Emergency Center (PEC) - 3902 Housing Transitional Housing**
  - Females with children &
  - Referred from PEC emergency shelter or OHS Clearinghouse

- **Northern Home - New Generations Permanent Supportive Housing**
  - Females with children (maximum 2 children) &
  - Head of household has disability

- **People’s Emergency Center (PEC) - Bernice Elza Permanent Supportive Housing**
  - Females with children &
  - Member of household has disability &
  - Referred from PEC emergency shelter or OHS Clearinghouse

- **PHMC - Rapid Rehousing**
  - Females or males, with or without children &
  - Head of household has disability

- **Methodist - Bridge House Transitional Housing**
  - Females without children

**Note:** Young adults ages 18-24 who are literally homeless may be appropriate for programs that are not specifically designated for the young adult population (for example, permanent supportive housing programs for individuals with chronic physical disabilities or mental health needs). If a young adult is residing in an emergency shelter they can be referred to adult housing programs such as permanent supportive housing programs by their shelter case manager. Young adults could also be referred to these programs by street outreach staff.

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**Other Housing Options outside the Homeless Services System**

**Re-entering DHS care (under Act 91):**

**Summary:**
Act 91 is a Pennsylvania law that came into effect on July 1, 2012 that both expands eligibility for youth in the child welfare system to remain in care past age 18 (commonly referred to as a board extension) as well as gives some youth the opportunity to re-enter DHS care after being discharged. If a youth exited the child welfare system 90 days or less before turning 18 or any time after turning age 18, they have the option to petition to re-enter care at any time before turning 21 if they meet eligibility requirements. In order to re-enter care, youth must meet one of the criteria to remain in care past age 18 which include: 1) completing secondary education or an equivalent credential (e.g. GED program), 2) enrolled in postsecondary or vocational education, 3) participating in a program actively designed to promote or remove barriers to employment (e.g. OVR program, etc.), 4) employed for at least 80 hours per month. Youth who are interested in re-entry should speak with the DHS liaison at AIC who is
assigned to re-entry, and should also be directed to speak with their former Child Advocate Attorney.

**Eligibility Criteria:**
Youth wishing to re-enter DHS care under Act 91 must meet the following criteria:
- Under age 21
- Left DHS care 90 days or less before turning 18 or any time after turning age 18
- Currently engaged or actively working on engaging in one of the following activities:
  - completing secondary education or an equivalent credential (e.g. GED program),
  - enrolled in postsecondary or vocational education,
  - participating in a program actively designed to promote or remove barriers to employment (e.g. OVR program, etc.), OR
  - employed for at least 80 hours per month.

**Referral Forms/Documentation:**
- There is no specific referral form for re-entering DHS care

**Contact Persons:**
- Call the Achieving Independence Center and ask for the DHS re-entry liaison; 215-574-9194

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**Domiciliary care:**

**Summary:**
Domiciliary care (most often known as dom care) is a program run through the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging that provides supports to adults ages 18 and up who are unable to live independently because of a physical or mental disability. Though the program is run by PCA, any individual age 18+ who receives SSI is eligible to apply. The program provides a “home-like environment” in a caring, supportive home. The client receives support with daily needs such as laundry, food, personal hygiene, and medicine administration, as needed.

**Eligibility Criteria:**
- Ages 18+
- Receives SSI due to a physical or mental disability
- Needs some support in meeting their daily needs (laundry, cooking, medicine administration, etc.) but can do some things independently and does not need 24/7 care

**Referral Forms/Documentation:**
- You can start the dom care referral process by contacting the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging at 215-765-9000 and request to start the dom care referral process
- Note: Prior to individual being approved for dom care, the program will need documentation from a physician documenting the client’s physical or mental disability

**Contact Persons:**