

Build Futures

Emergency Youth Housing, 18-24 Transitional Age Youth
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Our Mission

Build Futures takes homeless youth ages 18-24 off the streets to self-sufficiency starting with stable housing and one on one support to get job ready and become employed contributing members of our community.

What We Do

- Emergency/Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth 18-24
- Conditions for Entry
 - Client will be homeless within 24 hours
 - Client must be able to work in the US

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2017

- BF Housed 183 individual youth.
- BF provided services for an additional 300 youth.
 - Job training
 - Job placement
 - Bus tickets
 - Medical/EBT sign-up
 - Right to work documents
 - Health/Dental Issues
 - Legal Issues

Reasons for Youth Homelessness

- Drug use/addiction: 90+%
- Mental Health issues
- Kicked out at 18
- Leave foster system

Reasons for Youth Homelessness

- Loss of job-can't afford rent
- Leave abusive family situation: physical, psychological, sexual abuse
- Grew up homeless or in poverty
- 3/4s do not have a high school diploma
- Immediate release from incarceration

What Do We Do? First steps

House in a sober
environment
within 5 hours

Provide
emergency food

Medical and EBT
sign-up

Right to Work
Documents

Dental/Health
Concerns

Legal Concerns

What Do We Do?

Individual Case Management

Job Preparation Workshops

- Ethics in the workplace
- Appropriate relationships in the workplace
- Communication in the workplace
- Personal Finance
- Basic Living Skills The start time of a shift is not a suggestion

What Do We Do?

Assist with Job Placement

Mock Interviews

Resume Building

Transition rent payment so the client is self sufficient

Work with partner agencies for long term housing solutions

Stories

- Adam Goldin
- Davion Brooks

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