



## **Youth Programming Application Form Youth Housing: Year Intensive**

### **General Information**

The Youth Housing: Year Intensive Program is designed to support youth ageing out of care to learn the necessary skills to transition into independence successfully. Living on site in our Village community, youth will have their own suite and work closely with their Youth Worker to accomplish individualized goals to ensure they are working towards a sustainable sense of living for when they are ready to transition out of the village. The program is based on a gradual release model outlined below.

### **Program Stages**

#### **PLANT**

This first stage in the program is designed to get youth familiar with their environment and surroundings. Important goals and strategies in this stage include: Basic Living Skills 101, a welcome and introduction to the village and community, establishing goals for the youth to complete by the end of the 3 month mark, and a briefing on the rules and expectations of youth as a member of our village.

To help with the transition in, youth will receive a gift card to a local grocery store, as well as an Apartment in a Box to help with their first few weeks in.

Expectations for youth at this stage include: Rent payment in the amount of \$1,300, 3 weekly check in's with our youth worker, and mandatory involvement with program and therapies as discussed with youth team prior to move in.

\*Youth who do not complete their goals successfully run the risk of remaining in the PLANT stage, and also the run the risk of losing housing.

\* The suites will come fully furnished with the intention of giving these furnishings to youth once they have successfully completed the program.

\* Every month \$100 will be taken from rent to put into savings for the client. When the client completes the program successfully, the money saved will be released to the youth with the intention that it will be used to help transition the youth into their own independent suites in the community. For example, cost of first month's rent and damage deposit or purchasing new furniture if necessary etc.



## **GROW**

In order for a youth to reach the GROW stage (months 4-6), youth must have achieved goals set at the PLANT stage. For youth to be granted entry into the second stage, the Youth Team will assess if the youth is prepared to take on the next stage.

When a youth is granted entry, working with our Youth Worker's, the client will establish new goals for the GROW stage and review the last three months to see where they may have had success or where they may have had challenges. Rules at this stage also shift, giving youth more responsibility, and more liberties within their suite and community. Youth workers will also revise plans and expectations for programming and therapies based on the needs of the clients.

Rent remains at \$1,300 at this stage.

## **THRIVE**

The last and final stage of the program is designed to transition youth into their own suite outside of the village community and out into the REAL WORLD! Like the last two stages, new goals are established with the youth and a revised plan is set forward. Liberties are granted and responsibilities are increased as youth learn to become contributing members of the village community. The THRIVE stage also provides youth with rent ready education and support to ensure they are comfortable taking on housing on their own including searching for housing, viewings, and etiquette around tenant and landlord relationships.

Rent remains at \$1,300 at this stage.

Upon successful completion of the program, youth are entitled to all the furnishings in the suite, support during the move out process, and a release of their savings to help with the move.

## **PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING BEFORE REFERRING OR APPLYING TO THE HOUSING PROGRAM:**

1. Youth must be aged 16-24 to apply who are in care and/or on a youth agreement or have transitioned from care.
2. ARE PREPARED AND WILLING TO ENGAGE IN THIS PROGRAM AND ARE READY TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES IN THEIR LIFE TO UNDERSTAND AND ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE HOUSING.
3. Have an income from employment and/or government funding.
4. CAN LIVE IN A VILLAGE COMMUNITY CONSISTING OF FIVE FOSTER FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH.
5. Are willing to take a criminal record/ back ground check. Youth involved or who have had criminal incidents on their record will NOT be considered.



**APPLICATION PROCESS**

- 1. Submit application form with reference letter to SOS Children’s Village BC by fax 604 574 2967.
- 2. Submission will be reviewed by Youth Program Staff and Village Rep’s.
- 3. Applicant will be contacted, or key worker, to discuss interview process.

**Approved Applicant Process**

- 1. If Applicants or key workers are called and there is no response after 3 attempts, case workers will move to the next applicant.
- 2. After applicant is contacted and they are granted into the interview stage of application, the youth and key worker will meet with the housing staff to assess whether or not the applicant is a suitable fit for the housing program.
- 3. If the interview is successful, the applicant will move into the introduction stage of housing, where they will be expected to sign and agree to the Year Intensive Contract which outlines parameters of the program.
- 4. Youth workers and team will then arrange orientation and move in.

**Youth Housing: Year Intensive Application**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

First and Last Name:

Preferred Name:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Gender:

Ethnicity:

Pets: Yes  No

Phone Number:

Email:

Preferred method of contact: (Call, Text, Email) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a self-referral? Yes  No

Social Worker/ Case worker referring:

Organization:

Phone Number:

Email:



**HOUSING STATUS:**

Current Housing Arrangement: (Homeless, Independent, With Roommate, With Caregiver, Group-Home, etc.)

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How long has the applicant been living there? \_\_\_\_\_

**INCOME:**

Source of Income at the moment: (Youth Agreement, AYA, PWD, Independent Living, other)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Is the applicant prepared to pay \$1,300 in rent for the first month of program?

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**EDUCATION:**

Is the applicant currently attending school? Yes  No

Is it full time or part time? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicant is not attending school at the moment, what are some of their future goals around education and skills development? \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEDICAL:**

Does the applicant have any health concerns/conditions/allergies, past or present, that we should be aware of? Yes  No

If Yes, please describe:

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Have you experienced any of the following?

- Suicide Attempt/Self Harm       Depression       Anxiety   
Drug Use (past or present)       Tobacco Use (past or present)       Trauma   
Alcohol Use (past or present)       Criminal Justice System

**PROGRAM INFORMATION:**

Please tell us why you think you are a strong candidate for the Housing Program:

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What are your strengths and interests?

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What are some goals you hope to achieve in the Housing Program?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

How do you think SOS can help you achieve your goals?

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Please list 4 skills you feel will help contribute to your independence

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Do you have any concerns? (Please check the following if true)

- Living in your own independent suite with 3x or more check in's with youth workers?
- Living in a basement of a foster family home?
- Living in a residential community of foster families, children, and youth?
- Living with animals on the property or in the upstairs unit?



Any sensitives or concerns about moving into the housing program SOS needs to be aware of?

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**Lastly, please be sure to attach a letter of reference from a support worker, someone who has known the youth for over year, or a family member that believes in the abilities of the applicant.**



**RELEASE OF INFORMATION WITH REFERRING WORKER:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby permit any exchange information deemed appropriate between SOS Housing staff and \_\_\_\_\_ to facilitate my application to SOS Children's Village BC's Housing program. I understand that information exchanged will be handled in a confidential manner.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Fax your application and supporting documents to 604.574.2967 or email documents to sheenaram@sosbc.org

Thank you