



Year Intensive Housing Program Information

General Information

At **SideBySide Children's Village Society**, our Year Intensive Housing Program is designed to support youth transitioning from care by providing a safe, structured environment where they can build the skills and confidence needed for independent living.

Youth live in their own fully furnished suite within our Village community while working closely with a dedicated Youth Worker to develop life skills, achieve individualized goals, and prepare for long-term housing success.

Through individualized goal planning, life skills development, and consistent support from caring Youth Workers, participants receive the guidance they need while building independence at a pace that meets their needs.

Program Goals & Expectations

Each youth will:

- Develop individualized goals throughout the program
- Meet with their SideBySide Youth Worker three times per week
- Participate in programming, counselling, or therapeutic supports identified by their support team
- Work toward building the skills needed for successful independent living

Areas of Focus

Support may include:

- Basic life skills (cleaning, cooking, laundry, and time management)
- Budgeting and financial literacy
- Employment readiness and career planning



- Education, training, and recreational supports
- Wellness and mental health supports
- Housing readiness and tenancy skills

Living Arrangements

Youth live in their own private, fully furnished suite within the SideBySide Village community.

Living within the Village provides youth with the opportunity to build independence while remaining connected to a supportive community of foster families, children, staff, and other youth.

Participants are expected to understand and follow all program guidelines and community expectations.

Upon successful completion of the program, youth may keep the furnishings in their suite to support their transition into independent housing.

Financial Expectations

Participants are responsible for:

- **Monthly Rent:** \$1,300

Savings Program

To help prepare youth for independent housing:

- \$100 from each month's rent is placed into a savings account until \$1200
- Savings accumulate throughout the program.
- Upon successful completion, the savings are released to assist with transition-related expenses.

Savings may be used toward:

- First month's rent
- Security deposit
- Essential furniture
- Household items



- Other move-in expenses

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be **16–27 years old**
- Be in care, on a Youth Agreement, or have transitioned from care
- Have income through employment and/or government funding
- Be ready and willing to actively participate in structured programming
- Be willing to live within the Village community
- Provide character reference(s)

Additional Requirements

- Applicants must be willing to complete any required background screening.
- Youth with active or significant criminal involvement may not be eligible for the program.

Application Information

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