

STRIVE Transitional Living Services

Program Details

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The goal of STRIVE Transitional Living is to make available the needed supports for our community's youth who are most at-risk to experience violence, trafficking, unemployment, homelessness, incomplete education, drug addiction, pregnancy, and poverty.



Our TLP provides services specifically to young women ages 17-22 who are either in the care of the Division of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) or who have become homeless. TLP assists female clients for 18 months to develop skills leading to self-sufficiency and independence, while providing a safe living environment. Youth reside in a group home where all basic needs are met including transportation for work, school, and health purposes. Our welcoming group home has seven beds, and provides the supportive services listed below.

SERVICE PROFESSIONALS

The service professionals within TLP are specialized in various areas of education, behavior, disability needs, and counseling and have many different experiences working in social work.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Building self-sufficiency and permanent connections is key becoming productive members of the community and fulfilling one's goals. We assist these youth through person-centered and trauma-informed approach. Although an individualized plan of services is a requirement, residents are given autonomy in choosing their goals toward independence. Youth are instructed using authentic and naturalistic interventions.

Application and Referral: Youth self-refer by filling out an application and submitting it. Those in the care of DFCS will also have their caseworker submit a Universal Application. Applicants are then selected for an interview with the STRIVE team.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Population served: The Transitional Living Program serves 17-22-year-old young women who are either verified as homeless or who are in custody of the state.

Settings: Services for TLP are delivered either at their Hamer House residence where the girls reside. Other services are delivered at the Strive Center, which is a nearby office setting with a classroom for life skills related instruction or counseling groups. Services are delivered within the community when appropriate.

Hours and days of service: Direct care staff, who provide basic services, are available twenty-four hours, seven days per week. Specific service professionals are available from 9 - 5 Monday thru Friday and on call in emergencies.

Frequency of services: Services offered within the Transitional Living Program are planned individually for each client. However, services are delivered meeting minimum requirements.

Payers and funding sources: The Transitional Living Program is funded by a grant from The Federal Youth Service Bureau, the Division of Family and Children Services, and supplements with

various local donors and one-time local grants.

Fees: Resident of the Transitional Living Program are not assessed any fees for services or the provision of basic needs. Residents are asked to contribute 30% of each of their paychecks to a program saving account, which is returned to them upon discharge.

Referral sources: Clients of TLP are officially self-referred through the submission of an application. However, informal referrals come from many sources. Glynn county operates within a Coordinate Entry System for homeless services. We accept referrals generated by HMIS through the Coordinated entry system. In addition, we receive referrals from individuals within the school systems, community organizations, church organizations, other agencies, and other programs within our own agency.

The following are services within the STRIVE program:

Services that are directly available to residents of the Transitional Living Program by the staff of STRIVE Transitional Living are meals, clothing, an initial medical check, and transportation to work, education, health, or community needs. In addition, internal Life Skill and Case Management staff provide weekly Case Management and Life Skill instruction. Educational support, including tutoring, and employment support (readiness and soft skills) are provided to each resident as often as needed.

Partner Agencies (Indirect):

- Supplemental Employment Readiness: STAR Foundation, Eckerd Paxson Workforce Readiness, Goodwill Industries Training Division
- Behavioral Health: Coastal Community Health (Behavioral), Gateway Behavioral Health, Hospice of the Golden Isles Bereavement Services, TJ Kidder, LPC, Andrew Hurayt, M.D.
- Health Care: Coastal Community Health, Glynn Immediate Care
- Dental Care: Coastal Community Health, Family Dentistry Southern GA Oral Surgery

Distribution of Information:

Relevant information about our Scope of Services can be found in the following resources:

- STRIVE TLP Resident Handbook
- STRIVE TLP Parent Handbook

Information available to vested parties/funders:

- Grant Proposals
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families Resource Guide
- Division of Family and Children Services CCI/TLP Information

Publicly available information:

- Safe Harbor Center website, <https://safeharborcenterinc.org/strive-transitional-learning/>
- STRIVE TLP Informational Trifold
- Faith Works Community Resource Guide

Entry criteria: Entry to the Transitional Living Program is based upon two sets of criteria, one for homeless individuals and one for youth in the custody of the Division of Family and Children's Services (DFCS).

Homeless clients must be between the age of 18 and the day before age 22. Applicants must have their homelessness verified, by Federal Youth Service Bureau (FYSB) definition. In addition, applicants must be screened for appropriateness through an interview process.

Clients in the custody of DFCS must be eligible for Basic or Additional levels of care, be between the ages of 16 and 21, and have a permanency goal of independent living.

All prospective residents need to demonstrate behaviors that are free from physical aggression, fire setting, and homicidal or suicidal behaviors.

Transition criteria: All youth are assisted through their transition from other settings to TLP. Based on need, that transition may include transportation, additional pre-planning meetings, maintaining connections with other service providers when possible, an array of needs assessments, visits to the facility prior to placement, etc.

The formal discharge plan is completed with a list of resources and programming suitable to the youth's needs and aftercare, in the form of employment, education, and life skills supportive services, is offered for a period of three to nine months, although the youth has the ability to refuse these services at any time.

Exit criteria: Transitioning from the program is made when a youth either completes all of their relevant goals for moving to permanency, the youth has voluntarily requested discharge, or the youth needs a higher level of care and support.

Ineligibility: If a youth does not meet the eligibility requirements for entry into the program, a denial letter will include the reasoning for ineligibility and includes a list of resources and programming suitable to the youth's needs.

Service delivery model: The STRIVE Transitional Living Program Service Delivery Model provides for youth using a trauma-informed, person-centered, strengths-based approach within both the provision of basic needs and residential aspects as well as the service provision. Direct service professionals offer a full continuum of supports that are based on an array of needs and strengths-based assessments, frequent individual service planning, and client permanency goals.

The delivery model utilizes evidence-based practices of Motivational Interviewing and Mindset Crisis Prevention and incorporates practices consistent with theories of self-determination and naturalistic intervention.

For additional information please contact:

Program Director
500 G. Street
Brunswick, GA 31520
Office: (912) 289-2363