

Housing is More than a Roof and Four Walls

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Goals

- ▶ Housing Options
- ▶ Barriers
- ▶ Success Beyond



Housing Options

- ▶ Guardianship and Kinship Care
 - ▶ Remain or placed in guardianship care setting
 - ▶ Relatives who may become kinship care providers

Housing Options

- ▶ Family Foster Homes
 - ▶ Traditional Family Foster Homes
 - ▶ Treatment Family Foster Homes



Housing Options

- ▶ Supervised independent living settings:
 - ▶ Supervised Apartments



Housing Options

- ▶ Semi-supervised Apartments
- ▶ Scattered site housing



Housing Options

- ▶ Host homes
- ▶ College dormitories
- ▶ Direct stipends



Housing Options

- ▶ Family Unification Program
 - ▶ Families for whom the lack of adequate housing is a primary factor in:
 - ▶ The imminent placement of the family's child or children in out of home care, or
 - ▶ The delay in the discharge of the child or children to the family from out of home care.

Housing Options

- ▶ Family Unification Program
 - ▶ NEW! For a period not to exceed 36 months, otherwise eligible youths who have attained at least
 - ▶ 18 years and not more than 24 years of age and who have left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act, and is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older.

Housing Options

- ▶ Family Unification Program Update
 - ▶ Family Unification Program and Family Self-Sufficiency Demonstration
 - ▶ Notice PIH 2016-01 issued January 15, 2016
 - ▶ At time of application, youth is at least 18 years old and not more than 21 years (has not reached 22nd birthday) who left foster care at age 16 or older and who does not have adequate housing

Housing Option


- ▶ Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
 - ▶ 18 years of age
 - ▶ Student Eligibility
 - ▶ Select own housing based on voucher subsidy
 - ▶ No shared housing

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Barriers

- > Barriers
- > Obstacles
- > Pitfalls



Barriers

- ▶ Guardianship and Kinship Care
 - ▶ Lack of relatives considering to being kinship care providers

Barriers

- ▶ Family Foster Homes
 - ▶ Locating a family-based foster home to allow an older youth to remain in home or transition to home
 - ▶ Not allowing the older youth to have an input into their living situation

Barriers

- ▶ **Supervised Independent Living Settings**
 - ▶ Supportive and dedicated Adult Team to assist in teaching time and money management, cooking, cleaning and daily living skill.
 - ▶ Roommate options with other foster care connected youth or peers with no foster care connection
 - ▶ Move in and move out plans as well as a plan when school is not in session for youth living in college/university dormitories.
 - ▶ Decision making skills
- ▶ **Family Unification Program**
 - ▶ Does the local PHA provide this program?

Barriers

- ▶ **Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program**
 - ▶ Does the local PHA have a voucher program?
 - ▶ Is there a state housing voucher program?
 - ▶ Is the waiting list open or close?
 - ▶ Are there vouchers available?
 - ▶ Understanding the program
 - ▶ Obtaining and maintaining utilities
 - ▶ Finding suitable housing based on bedroom size and subsidy amount

Success Beyond

- ▶ Engage partners and older youth early in planning process
- ▶ Stable and Dependable Provider Pool
- ▶ Identify Locations
- ▶ Plan sustainable housing options
- ▶ Be willing to come back to the table



