



NEXT STEP FAST FACTS

WHAT

Next Step is a QRTP certified Agency Operated Boarding Home for young women in foster care ages 14 to 21. This program provides safety, structure and support from caring staff as youth learn independent living skills and prepare to live in a supported independent living program. Our program focuses on Trauma Informed Care, and all staff are trained in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention. We deliver services based on trust, safety, choice, empowerment and collaboration.

WHERE

1030 Ellicott Street, Buffalo NY 14209

FACILITIES

An Agency Operated Boarding Home with four shared bedrooms and two shared bathrooms. The home can support up to six clients at a time. The home also has a living room, kitchen and study space. The home is staffed 24/7 to ensure the care and safety of each resident. The location is close to transportation, shopping, and educational and job training facilities.


PROGRAMS

On-site services include: case management, independent living skills and parenting training, support groups, counseling, educational seminars, and recreational programs. Referrals can be made to the following services: , education, employment, healthcare, housing, legal assistance and job training. Family Assessment and Service Plans are developed to help each family acquire the skills necessary to prepare each family/client to either reunite with their family of origin or attain their independence. Our clients are required to continue their education and/or vocational programming. Those residents needing services not offered by Homespace are referred to agencies for appropriate intervention.

ELIGIBILITY

Youth in foster care ages 14 to 21. Referrals are generated by DSS offices in any and all counties in New York State. Residents must be willing to live and work with a goal-oriented approach to independent living and permanency.

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VALUES

Family ~ Self-Sufficiency ~ Responsibility ~ Security ~ Resiliency