

About oneROOF Youth Services

oneROOF Youth Services is committed to providing for the safety, support and overall well-being of youth who are experiencing homelessness, and youth who are at-risk of homelessness, aged 12-25, in Waterloo Region.

"one youth on the streets is one too many"

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Host Homes Program

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What is Host Homes?

Host Homes is a prevention and diversion program, operated by oneROOF Youth Services. Along with our Host Home Providers (HHPs), we are able to provide safe spaces for youth aged 16-25 who are at risk or experiencing homelessness in Waterloo Region.

Host Home stays are short term and allow youth to work on life goals and transition into their own permanent housing. All youth placed with a HHP are fully supported by Host Homes staff.

Why Host?

As a HHP, you are in a great position to ensure that youth who are at-risk of homelessness, never end up on the streets or in shelter. HHPs have a unique opportunity to provide a safe place for at-risk youth to "land," giving them and Host Homes staff the time needed to sort through the barriers that led the youth to homelessness.

Expectations

Youth Expectations:

- A \$90/week stipend must be paid to help with household bills.
- Respect the HHP's home, property, and household rules.
- Actively work toward personal goals.
- To meet with a Host Homes staff member at least once a week.

Host Expectations:

- Provide a safe, private room that is fully furnished.
- Provide grab and go breakfast, as well as evening meals.
- Shower and laundry facilities.
- Safe and welcoming environment.
- Patience and understanding.

Staff Support:

- We provide mandatory training for our providers.
- 24/7 on-call support and mediation is available for both hosts and youth when needed.
- Food hampers are provided to assist with snacks and lunches.
- Transportation for youth is provided on a case by case basis.
- Regular home visits as requested by the youth and/or the HHP.

Opportunities

YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE HOST HOMES PROGRAM ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING

Trustee Program

A program that helps youth stay on top of their finances and teaches them to budget their money.

Food Hampers

Every Thursday from 1pm-5pm donated food items and hygiene supplies are available to you.

Streets to Employment and Education (SEE)

A 16-week program providing transferrable job and life skills, open to applicants aged 16-30. If accepted you can build your employment history, gain job skills, and collect references for your resume.

Opportunities include:

- RETAIL SALES
- FOOD SERVICE
- WOOD WORKING
- ARTISTIC SKILL-BUILDING
- ENTREPRENEURIAL SALES