

**A safe, welcoming
space for youth and
young adults
experiencing
homelessness**

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HOST HOMES

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ABOUT HOST HOMES

Short-term host homes are an intervention for youth who are currently experiencing homelessness for any variety of reasons, including but not limited to family conflict, poverty, gender identity and sexual orientation. The goal of short-term host homes is to provide a safe, temporary, welcoming space for up to six months where the young person has time to repair their relationships with self-identified family or make decisions about other housing options with the support of a caring housing case manager.

We believe young people have a right to housing with no preconditions

CHAPS HOST HOME APPROACH

SAFETY

A safer option for youth and young adults experiencing homelessness compared to couch surfing and sleeping in cars or outdoors

TRUSTWORTHINESS

critical connections to adult allies.

PEER SUPPORT

Ongoing peer support such as CHAPS Certified Peer Specialist Program for Youth and Young Adults

COLLABORATION & MUTUALITY

Mutually agreed upon expectations

EMPOWERMENT & CHOICE

Empowerment by offering choice rather than being placed

CULTURAL, HISTORICAL, GENDER ISSUES

Cultural, diversity, and LGBTQIA+ competency training.