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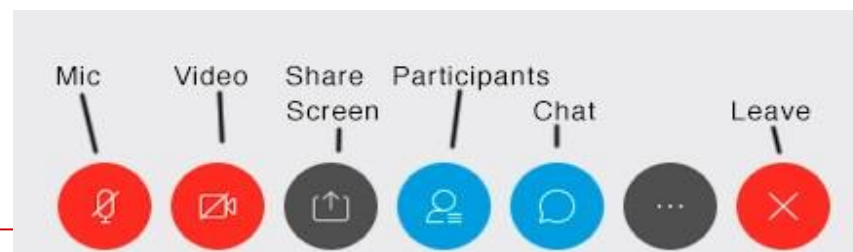
***Youth Committee
September 24, 2020***



Welcome to today's meeting; we will begin shortly. In the meantime, please review the reminders below.

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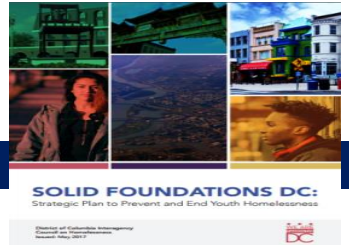
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Transitional Housing Overview



- ❖ **Goal for the Remainder of the Year:** Review Program Models and Data to identify strengths and continue system improvements
- ❖ **Transitional Housing:** Time limited housing and services in a project-based facility or an independent unit while the youth is working on education or employment goals
 - Extremely important housing resource in the Youth System with over 230 Transitional Housing units funded in DC

DC Doors Overview



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DC Doors

DC Doors is an Independent 501c3 agency serving families and single individuals to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness through various social welfare programs.

Mission

Our mission is to move participants from homelessness to permanent, stable, and affordable housing by providing transitional and permanent housing and comprehensive supportive services in a culturally competent and sensitive manner.

Steps to Stability

The transitional housing programs commitment is to remove barriers that prevent low-income individuals from securing permanent stable housing in the District of Columbia. It is a program designed for youth ages (18-24), offering scattered-site transitional housing, with a maximum stay of 18 months. Participants receive a wide range of supportive services during their 18-month transitional period and an additional 6-12 months after allowing for a total of 30 months of services provided to them.

This 18-month transitional program is distinguished as three separate phases; each culminating in an evaluation of the client's participation and progress in the program for the previous six months. Clients demonstrating sufficient progress are granted an extension for an additional six months and move on to the next phase of the cycle. Clients who do not show evidence of adequate progress may be terminated from the program.



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Month 1-6



The first six months are designated for client adjustment to the program and a new living environment, with casework emphasis on employment.

Month 6-12



During the second phase of six months, clients work closely with staff to analyze and tackle issues of maintaining employment, establishing or improving credit, and budgeting.

Month 12-18



During the last six months of the program, clients have learned to fully focus on two overarching goals, to transition out of the program into permanent housing, and to improve personal finances.

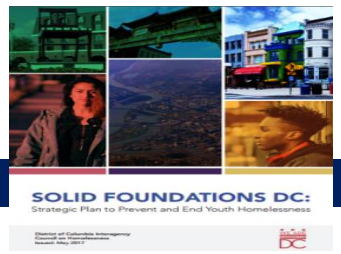
Month 18-24



Once clients have successfully completed the program they are automatically enrolled in the aftercare program; participation in the aftercare program is voluntary and is left to the discretion of the client. Clients may continue receiving aftercare services after 24 months based on the circumstances of their situation and the availability of staff.

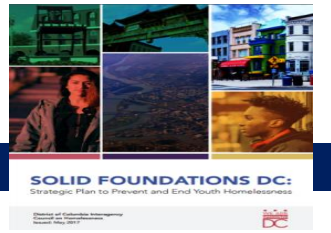
English

DC Doors Steps to Stability



- 5 units-15 beds- 6 females 9 Males there are single and shared rooms in the program.
- Each youth has their own bed. They are provided a large trunk with a lock to store their personal belongings. (bunk beds, individual rooms, shared space, etc.)
- Mahaning Heights Neighborhood
- Contact Information Program Manager- Ashlee Robinson-arobinson@dcddoors.org
- Rules and Expectations (provide a copy of your Program Rules)
 - ✓ Intake Process- youth CHAP
 - ✓ TB Test Required
 - ✓ Curfews
 - ✓ Visitation Policy
- Staffing (10 staff to 15 youth, 24 hour; no security)
- Resources provided (food, laundry, transportation, wifi, etc)
- Case management –

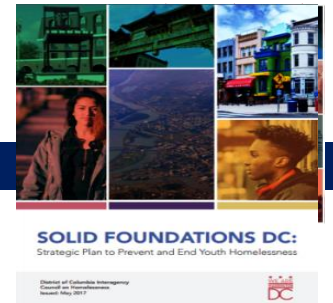
DC Doors Steps to Stability



➤ Key Data Points:

- ✓ Average length of stay 14 months.
- ✓ For the past year, 80% of youth successfully complete the program.
 - Terminations for safety and non-compliance.
- ✓ How many terminations has your program had over the last year?
 - 3 youth
- ✓ How many youth in your program have a completed DHS intake form?
 - All youth complete the DHS intake form.
- ✓ Do you document case plans in HMIS?
 - Case plans in phase.
- ✓ What percentage of your youth have a mental health diagnosis?
 - About 70% of the youth have mental health diagnosis.
 - The program would benefit from a therapeutic case manager that would focus solely of mental and physical health.

Covenant House



- ❖ Just reached 25 years of service in Washington, DC!
- ❖ 3 TH programs-ROP 1, ROP 2 and ROP 3
- ❖ 1 low barrier shelter
- ❖ 1 90 day shelter



Core Values

Immediacy

Sanctuary

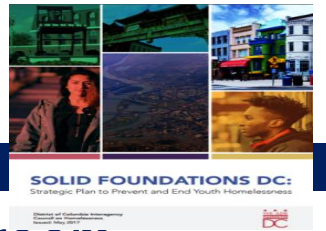
Valued Communication

Structure

Choice



Covenant House Rights of Passage 1&2&3



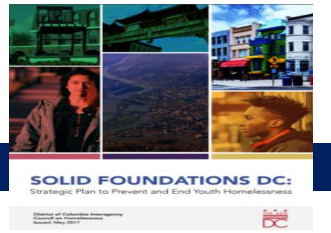
- ROP 1, 2 and 3-40 total beds in one location. 1 2-3 bedrooms, 2-2 bedroom apartments. Shared living space, own room.
- Ward 7
- Roderick Taylor, Residential Coordinator 202-567-8492 Rtaylor@chdc.org
- Rules and Expectations (provide a copy of your Program Rules)
 - ✓ Intake through CAHP
 - ✓ TB Test Required Prior to Entry
 - ✓ Curfews-12am on weekdays and 2am on weekends
 - ✓ Visitation Policy-suspended due to COVID-19
 - ✓ Education/Employment/Vocation required
 - ✓ 50% of escrow savings
 - ✓ Weekly CM meetings
- Staffing-24 hours staff & security, 1:10 CM ratio, 1 MHSS
- Resources provided-wifi, laundry in each unit, we provide all needs upon entry and encourage the youth to budget to provide for themselves.



Case management – explained



Covenant House Rights of Passage 1&2



➤ Key Data Points:

- ✓ 19 months
- ✓ For the past year, 62% completed successfully, 38% did not
 - Program terminations
- ✓ Over 15 terminations last year
- ✓ All youth have completed the DHS intake form
- ✓ Comprehensive case plans are developed for everyone. Every youth has a housing goal.
- ✓ 50% of our youth have a MH diagnosis. Having a SUD therapist on staff would be helpful.

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