

# Participant Expectations

- Attend school on a full-time basis
- Work part-time and/or attend employability training
- Participate in weekly life-skills sessions
- Shop, cook and do own laundry
- Complete household chores daily
- Maintain a savings account
- Participate in weekly meetings to develop and review progress to goals



The Village is a program of IMPOWER; a Central-Florida based mental health and child well-being organization dedicated to the mission of

“changing lives by protecting, counseling, teaching and inspiring individuals and families to reach their full potential.”

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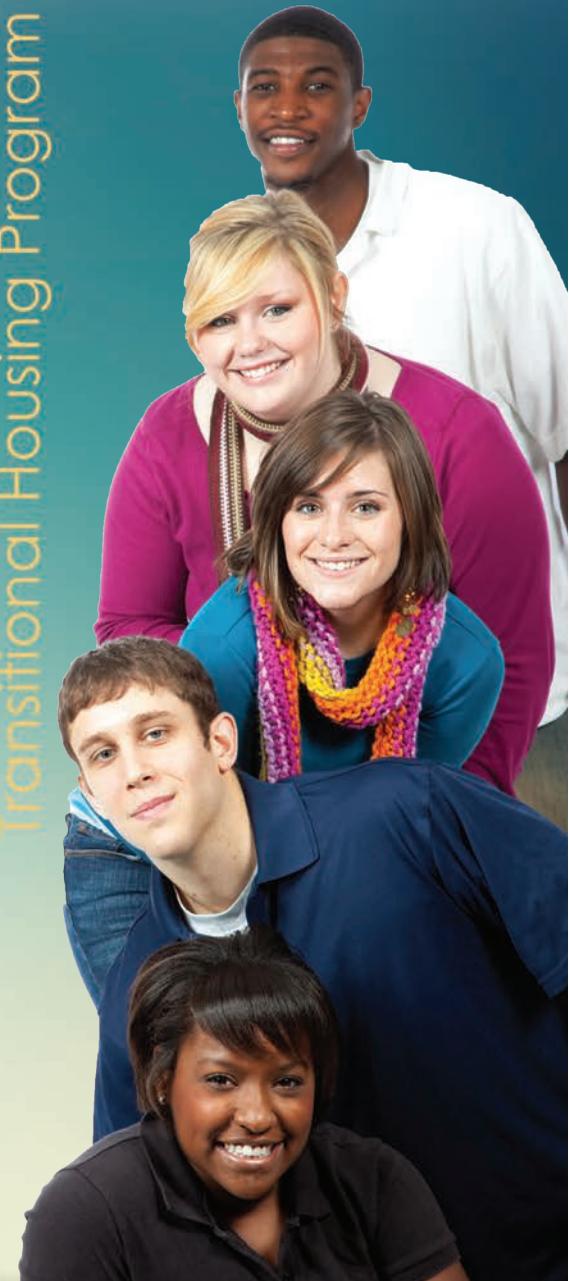
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**The Village,**  
Transitional Housing Program



## The Reality

Children who grow up in the foster care system often face a scary and difficult transition to adulthood. Studies repeatedly show that without supports, these youth have a higher probability of criminal activity, unemployment, academic failure, substance abuse, unplanned pregnancy and homelessness. In fact, without supports:

- 20% who age-out of state custody will become homeless
- 25% will become involved in the criminal justice system
- More than 40% will never graduate high school and less than 3% will earn a college degree
- 71% of females will be pregnant by the age of 21

## Transitional Living Goals

At The Village, we are committed to helping youth achieve the following goals:

- Permanency
- Education
- Employment
- Housing
- Independent Living Skills
- Youth Involvement and Advocacy

## About The Village

Established in 2006 through community collaboration, The Village offers stable and affordable dorm-style, transitional housing for youth with a foster care history. Aimed at reducing homelessness and increasing the probability of success for these young people, the program provides comprehensive supports and a safe living environment for youth ages 18–22 for up to two years. Staff, community partners and volunteers offer program participants access to a variety of support services that help them complete their education, develop essential life skills, attain employment and ultimately transition to independent, permanent housing.

## Outcomes

To date, The Village has helped more than 130 young men and women aging out of care transition to independence. Of those who stayed a minimum of 90 days last year:

- 100% received life-skills and job-skills training
- 100% were enrolled in an academic program
- 50% enrolled in college
- 40% maintained employment over 6 months
- 87.5% improved self-sufficiency and transitioned to permanent housing

