

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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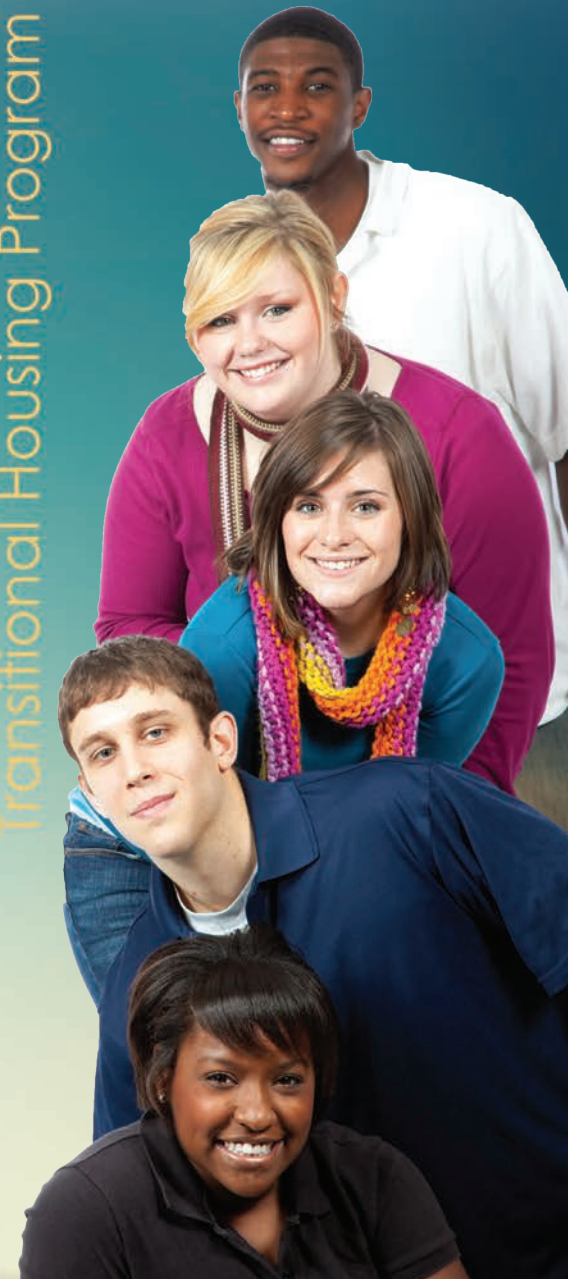
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The Village,
Transitional Housing Program



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

