The Host Home Program | Cultural Competency Training
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LGBTQ Youth Homelessness

40% HOMELESS YOUTH POPULATION

UP TO 7% GENERAL YOUTH POPULATION

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- Alienation of sexual orientation or gender identity: 0.4
- Sexual orientation or gender identity: 0.4
- Use at home: 0.3
- N: 0.1
- M family: 0.1

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Consequences

- SUICIDE
  8x More Likely

- UNSAFE SEX
  3x More Likely

- DRUG USE
  3x More Likely

- DEPRESSION
  6x More Likely
USICH FRAMEWORK

- Stable housing
- Permanent connections
- Education or employment
- Social-emotional well-being

...Moving beyond the bed.
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- May 2016
- GLBT Host Homes at Avenues for Homeless Youth
- Successes
  - America’s Test Kitchen
  - Toolkit, Point Source Youth
- Lessons learned
  - 5 million cups of coffee
    - External
    - Internal
  - Formative evaluation
FUNDING AND BUDGET

- Funding
  - VOCA
  - Total Operating $80,000

- Successes
  - Proud Scholars
  - Magical Moments

- Lessons Learned
  - High barrier to HUD $
  - Leverage private $ for flexibility
BECOMING A HOST

- Meet with Host Home Manager
- Eligibility Criteria
- Submit application and background checks
- Attend training and complete home visit
- Training Calendar
- Get matched with a young adult!
HOST ELIGIBILITY

- 25+ years old
- Adequate income
- 1 year+ local residency
- Complete training
- Maintain contact with Host Home staff without aid
HOST ELIGIBILITY

- Provide safe environment for youth
  - private room
  - Safe home
  - LGBTQ affirming
  - Homeowner’s or renter’s insurance
  - Free of outstanding warrants and history of violent crime or offense against a minor.
  - background check and fingerprints
YOUNG ADULTS IN PROGRAM

- Determining Program Fit
- Complete intake with program staff
- Start developing goals
- Get matched with a host

- Referred or apply directly to program
- Eligibility Criteria
YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

- Ages 18-24
- Self-identify as LGBTQ+
- Currently housing unstable or short term homeless
- Full program participation including coaching
- No severe, persistent, untreated mental health diagnosis
- No history of:
  - persistent violent crime/behavior
  - grand theft
YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

No active:
- drug/alcohol addiction
- sex work/survival sex,
- warrants
MAKING THE MATCH

- Staff select match
- Is the match working?
- 1st meeting
- Is the match working?
- 2nd meeting
- Move in day!
SUPPORT IN THE PROGRAM

- Hosts get dedicated support once in the program
  - 24/7 access to the program manager for emergencies (or just venting)
  - Monthly host support group to talk about experience and build community with other hosts
SUPPORT IN THE PROGRAM

- Young adults in the program meet regularly with program staff
  - Get connected to community resources
  - Check on goal progress and motivation as needed
  - Access to funds to help pursue their goals