

The **Host Home Program** matches LGBTQ young adults in need of housing with hosts in the community that open their hearts and their homes.

Young adults in program receive free housing, food, and case management to help achieve their goals.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Placements range from six to twelve months
- Hosts receive training from the Host Home Program and have access to a dedicated staff person for support while they are hosting



Young adults in the program get connected to program staff for support and guidance, funding, and resources in the community to pursue their goals.



# HOMELESS

Lighthouse Safe and Supported arose out of a community initiative to end LGBTQ youth homelessness in Hamilton County.

The project is implementing strategies to ensure every LGBTQ young person has the opportunity to thrive with access to stable housing, health care, education, employment, and emotional connections.

Our work includes:

- Resource guides for youth & professionals
- State-wide, free LGBTQ cultural competency trainings for youth-serving providers
- Training and resources for parents working towards supporting their LGBTQ child
- LGBTQ domestic violence advocacy and support in homeless shelters/programs

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## HOST HOME PROGRAM



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## Become a host and help make home happen

### Eligibility Criteria:

- At least 25 years old
- Have a furnished, private space for a young adult in their home
- Have homeowner's or renter's insurance
- Have the ability to host and mentor a young adult in their home for up to six months
- Have no history of violent crime or offense against a minor
- Have the ability to contact program staff without the need of assistance

All individuals over the age of 18 currently living in the host home or having unsupervised direct contact with the young adult will be submitted for background check.

### Steps to Become a Host

- 1 Meet the program manager to discuss the program and hosting.
- 2 Submit an application and background checks.
- 3 Attend host training and complete a home visit.

The Host Home Program is about more than just housing.

This program is about creating ties in the community between young adults and hosts that go far beyond a place to sleep every night.

Once a young adult has decided the Host Home Program is a good fit for them, they decide which hosts they want to meet and match with. Young adults and hosts meet a minimum of two times prior to home placement to make sure the match fits, and program staff advise both parties along the way.

When a match works, both the young adult and the hosts benefit.



## Young adults take the lead in our program

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Be between the ages of 18-24 and self-identify as LGBTQ
- Be currently experiencing housing instability or homelessness
- Be willing to work with program staff towards their self-defined goals
- No active drug/alcohol addiction, history of violent crime, or active warrants for arrest
- Have the ability to contact program staff without the need of assistance

Young adults can be referred to the program by a community professional or can self-refer. Contact the program to obtain a referral form or the program manager for additional information.

### Steps for Young Adults

- 1 Submit a referral form or contact the program to get started.
- 2 Complete an intake to help determine if the program is a fit.
- 3 Define goals and pick which hosts to start meeting with.

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