

**LATIN AMERICAN YOUTH  
CENTER – HOUSING  
PROGRAMS**



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# INTRODUCTION

LAYC's housing department aims to connect homeless and vulnerable youth to safe and stable housing. LAYC offers bilingual staff, a culturally sensitive environment, and support services to youth of diverse backgrounds and needs. Youth can receive a wide variety of services from safe housing to employment assistance and education re-enrollment. Youth can access a wide variety of resources through collaboration with case managers in our Drop-in Center and our housing programs.



# DC DROP-IN CENTER

3045 15<sup>th</sup> ST NW, Washington DC

Walk-ins are welcomed, no appointment needed

Monday – Thursday

9 am to 5 pm

Friday

By appt. only



# DROP-IN CENTER SERVICES

- Our Drop-In Center is a safe haven for ALL youth 24 and under of any race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender identity to connect to safe housing resources. Our friendly, bilingual staff provide ongoing assessments and case management to connect youth to needed services including education and employment support, mental health, and accessing public benefits.
  - Housing
  - Case Management
  - Hot Meals & Snacks
  - Clothes
  - Nap Spaces
  - Laundry
  - Mental Health Services
  - Showers
  - Diapers
  - Mail Services



# HOW TO OBTAIN HOUSING?

- The DC Drop-In Center works with DC DHS (Department of Human Services) to connect clients ages 18-24 to safe housing. Matching meetings usually are held twice a month.
- The clients need to connect with a youth drop-in center to complete a SPDAT (Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool) which will help match clients to their housing needs.
- In the meantime, the clients can access drop-in services and are connected to youth emergency shelter and other youth drop-in centers in the area. As well, as connecting them to safe haven programs which are usually up to 90-days, meanwhile they get matched to a more stable program.
- The clients will need to engage with a case manager on a weekly basis, to work on their immediate goals and have a higher chance of getting matched to housing on a timely manner.



# TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

- LAYC's TLP programs provide housing to homeless or unstably housed youth between the ages of 18 and 24 for up to 18-months.
- Shared furnished apartments with a roommate.
- Program staff on call 24/7
- Case management services, counseling, life skills workshops, and recreational activities
  
- Programs:
  - Extended Housing Program: 18-24 single youth
  - Stages: 18-24 single youth
  - Hope's House: Single parent and Children must be under the age of 7
    - Hope House is LAYC direct referral only or Virginia Williams direct referral.



# FAMILY BASED HOUSING

- Host Homes: Host Homes provides emergency housing to homeless or runaway youth between the ages of 12 and 17 for up to 21 days with a certified adult or Host Family in Maryland or Washington, DC.
  - Case Management
  - Transportation Assistance
  - Life Skills Workshops
  - Recreational Activities
  - Mentoring
  - Referrals to healthcare: mental, dental, physical and vision
  - Family Therapy
  - Basic Needs
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- We must obtain parent or relatives' authorization to work with us, if not, we cannot provide any services.
- Clients must be willing to enroll in school, obtain employment (if applicable), and engage with the program.

Referrals can be sent to:

- [tlphh@layc-dc.org](mailto:tlphh@layc-dc.org) or 202-400-5194





# FAMILY BASED HOUSING<sup>9</sup>

- Transitional Living Program for Females: Long term program for up to 18 months helps older youth 18 – 21 to transition to adulthood in a loving home. The youth will be placed with a certified family across the DC Metropolitan area.
  - Case Management.
  - Transportation Assistance.
  - Life Skills Workshops.
  - Recreational Activities.
  - Mentoring.
  - Referrals to healthcare: mental, dental, physical and vision.
  - Legal aid referrals.
  - School enrollment to High School, GED, Vocational, or College.
  - Job preparation and attainment.
  - Basic Needs (clothing/food).

Clients must maintain school enrollment or job at the time of participating in the program.

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# THANK YOU

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