



IT Takes A Village, Inc. A Non-Profit Organization

Post-Release Housing
 Re-Entry
 ITAV

Mission statement

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5 Years

To provide a structured, stable, secure and nurturing environment for youth who are ready to enter a phase of care, which will eventually transition them to independent living.



Post-Release Housing/Re-Entry

Stable Housing Is Important Yet Elusive for Transitioning Foster Youth

Unstable housing, conversely, can lead to a downward spiral of compromised physical and mental health, which can limit employment and, in turn, further deteriorate housing stability.

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Why ITAV?

- Leadership
- Capacity
- Life Skills Training
- Education Focuses
- Sexual Health Education
- Cost-Savings
- Ability to obtain foundation and state funding

The Cost-Savings

	Post-Release	Re-Entry	Homelessness (15)	Savings	Homelessness (122)
Per year	\$355,875	\$355,875	\$533,670	\$177,795	\$4,340,516
Five years	\$1,779,375	\$1,779,375	\$2,668,350	\$888,975	\$21,702,580

National studies have shown that within two to four years of leaving foster care at age 18:

- 40% were homeless
- 40% were receiving public assistance or were incarcerated
- 40% experienced drug or alcohol abuse
- 46% had not finished high school
- 51% were unemployed
- 84% became parents

Re-Entry

- Youth who leave the system and come back for assistance
- Ages 18-22
- Youth will practice necessary Independent Living Skills and achieve self-sufficiency in a supportive environment
- Apartment/Dorm Setting
- Sign a contract inclusive of policies, procedures, and regulations
- Maintain employment
- Maintain a savings account
- Responsible for transportation, preparing meals, maintaining a clean room and home
- Must attend ITAV life skills training

Post-Release Housing

- Youth who recognize the need for additional years of stability
- Ages 18-25
- Youth will practice necessary Independent Living Skills
- Apartment/Dorm Setting
- Sign a contract inclusive of policies, procedures, and regulations
- Maintain employment
- Maintain a savings account
- Responsible for transportation, preparing meals, maintaining a clean room and home
- Must attend ITAV life skills training

Importance:

The desire for a less-restrictive setting may lead Young Adults to leave DFPS care when they are not ready to be fully self-sufficient thus becoming homeless or addicted to drugs or alcohol abuse.