

Community Partners:

The TLP has sought collaborative support with other community agencies to serve as our partners. This includes Community Concepts, Tri-County Mental Health Services, local schools, Region 9, Tri-County Health Services, and other agencies that have the ability to provide services to our youth.



*Licensed Mental Health Programs of the
Rumford Group Homes, Inc.*

Greenleaf House
Roy House Treatment Program
Turner Family Support Center
Leeds Home
Transition House

Other Programs

Homeless Youth Outreach
Strafford Ave. Family Center
Emergency Shelter Services

A Member of:



Maine Association of Mental Health Services
National Independent Living Association (NILA)
Maine Coalition for the Homeless
Maine Association Group Care Providers

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TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM (TLP)



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Overview:

The TLP program is designed to enable at-risk and homeless youth to successfully transition to independent, self-sufficient young adulthood. Residents may stay in the program up to 18 months. The target population is male and female youth ages 16-21 including pregnant and parenting females.



Residents are expected to attend continuing education classes and/or maintain employment. The goal is for each of them to acquire skills-at their own pace, accept responsibilities as a member of a household, and start practicing the skills needed for

self-sufficiency. A mandatory savings fund provides a nest egg for independent living.

How it Works:

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. TLP Program targets youth age 16 and older who are homeless and need support to become self sufficient on their own. The TLP Program focuses on teaching them critical life skills and preparing them for the next steps into adulthood. We recognize that this is a time where youth are trying to figure out where they will live, what they want to do in life, and we help them to navigate that path.

The TLP Program provides assistance to help homeless youth complete a high school diploma or GED, enroll in additional educational programs, obtain employment and opportunities to increase their social skills and support network through transitional living activities. The ultimate goal of the TLP Program is to help homeless youth become self-sufficient and productive members of their communities.

Services Offered:

The services offered by the TLP are intended to help youth in Oxford and Northern Cumberland Counties obtain the life skills they need to make a successful transition into adulthood. Services include:

- Life skills training
- Assessment and implementation of individualized independent living plans
- Scattered site housing
- Case management and support services
- Supportive services for transitional youth who have children of their own
- Financial assistance, including a monthly stipend for living expenses, food, and supplies:
- Referrals to access medical, dental and mental health/substance abuse services.



Candidate Criteria:

Youth who qualify are given support and the necessary tools to succeed, but they must be fully committed to the program. Youth will be eligible for the TLP if they are at-risk of or homeless, outside the jurisdiction of the state of Maine DHHS and Corrections system. Youth must meet the following criteria:

- Must reside in Oxford or Northern Cumberland County;
- Must be between the ages of 16-21;
- Youth under the age of 18 must be emancipated to participate in the housing component;
- Limited or non-existent family support system;
- Is drug and alcohol free or in recovery;
- Show initiative to earn a high school diploma or GED;
- Demonstrate motivation to hold a part-time job;
- Ability to live independently with a house-mate;
- Demonstrate ability to follow rules and show respect for authority;
- Demonstrate the initiative and motivation to make some positive decisions and understands the consequences of choices in life;
- Youth who have been on their own too long to go back to their family of origin or to a foster or group home; and
- A teen or young adult parent who displays some of the above characteristics. ❖

