

WILLIE & LILLIE JOHNSON - EDUCATION COMMISSIONERS
TRANSITIONAL LIVING MINISTRY (GALATIANS 6:2)

Transition to Adulthood and Independent Living

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Transitional Living Ministry is to help bring understanding to a range of developmental issues that are faced by Adolescents. Additionally, recognize that as teens approach adulthood, living independently becomes a significant goal. While youth and young adults with intact families may struggle to achieve self-reliance, youth and young adults in out-of-home care face formidable obstacles.

VISION:

Our vision is to support churches located in communities that work every day to end youth homelessness, adolescent pregnancy and domestic violence.

MISSION:

To develop and implement projects that provides long-term residential services and Christian support to homeless youth ages 16-22. The services offered are designed to help young people who are homeless make a successful transition to self-sufficient living.

METHOD:

The Transitional Living Ministry will provide participants with teaching and training services. These activities are designed to help them develop the skills necessary to become independent viable citizens. Living accommodations will be provided and may include host-family homes, group homes, maternity group homes, or supervised apartments owned by the program or rented in the community. *The Transitional Living Ministry* will provide:

- ❖ Safe, stable living accommodations.
- ❖ Basic life-skill building, including consumer education and instruction in budgeting, the use of credit, housekeeping, menu planning, food preparation and parenting skills.
- ❖ Interpersonal skill building, including enhancing young people's abilities to establish positive relationships with peers and adults; assist with decisions making and stress management techniques.
- ❖ Educational opportunities, such as GED preparation, postsecondary training and vocational education.
- ❖ Assistance in job preparation and attainment, such as career counseling and job placement.
- ❖ Education, information and counseling to prevent, treat and reduce substance abuse.
- ❖ Trauma-informed mental health care, including individual and group counseling.
- ❖ Physical health care, including routine physicals, health assessment and emergency treatment