

Response-Ability Pregnant & Parenting Program

For Pregnant & Parenting Minors

PURPOSE Response-Ability Pregnant & Parenting Program serves pregnant and/or parenting homeless and tenuously housed youth through our community-based programming and our 120-day Interim Shelter and supportive services program.

PARTICIPANTS

- Teen moms, ages 14-18, who are homeless, and who are pregnant or parenting
- Teen moms, ages 13-18, who are precariously housed and at-risk of losing their housing.

PROGRAM

- builds trusting relationships and a curriculum for young women, young fathers, and their extended families facing the difficult challenges of teen parenthood and homelessness
- provides housing and supportive services at Open Door Youth Shelter – Lakeview
- provides case management services and social services to participants in their community (home, school, and other locations as needed)

SERVICES

- Professional staff address client needs, including:
 - housing
 - public aid
 - medical and mental health
 - vocational training
 - connections to education opportunities
 - family life and parenting education
 - daycare
 - life skills (self-esteem, budgeting, and more)
 - support groups

PROGRAM GOALS

- reduce subsequent pregnancies
- increase safety and stability of housing
- improve family health and functioning
- increase educational attainment

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