

IT Takes A Village, INC A Non-Profit Organization

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Post-Release Housing and Re-entry
Plan



We are Transitional Life for the
safety-net of our Youth



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The Ugly Truth of Aging Out

Homelessness

- *ITAV story*
- As of June 2019, there are **7,578 youth** in foster care in Kansas.
- In 2018, **122** were unaccompanied young adults (aged 18-24)

ITAV Story



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Creating A Safety-Net

Post-Release Housing

- Stable Housing Is Important Yet Elusive for Transitioning Foster Youth
- Studies estimate that 25 to 50 percent of young adults exiting care couch surf, double up, move frequently within a short period of time, have trouble paying rent, and face eviction.
- 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

Our youth deserve a stable home!



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Re-Entry



Welcome Back!



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.



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Re-Entry



- Ages 18-22
- Provides stable, less restrictive and more independent living
- 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 and save 10% of bi-weekly income
- Responsible for transportation, preparing meals, maintaining a clean room and home
- Must attend ITAV life skills training



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Cost/Saving

A homeless person costs the taxpayer an average of **\$35,578** per year.

	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

The average young adult pays **\$1,775** in taxes per year. *(Based on 2018 Walmart average worker analysis)*

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Additional Cost

- It costs Kansas City taxpayers \$5,390 each time a homeless person requires emergency services.
- Eliminating just one emergency a day would save the city over \$1.9 million annually.
- Emergency room visits by homeless cost of over \$3 million annually.
- Only an estimated 20% of Emergency Room visits by homeless are considered a real emergency.

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