

# BOYS' HAVEN

It is our mission to provide a safe haven where at risk boys are influenced & inspired to become responsible, independent men committed to family & community.





We aim to support in any way possible to help you gain independence and success as a young adult and move into the next phase of your life, while learning and growing throughout working the program. We offer services necessary to help youth experiencing homelessness develop the skills and personal characteristics needed to enable them to live independently.

Our program is designed to help support young adults in being able to flourish in the following areas while helping with guidance as needed to aim for success:

- Education
- Employment
- Financial Stability
- Mental and Emotional Health
- Community Living
- Daily Living and self-care
- Housing stability

## "EMPOWERING YOUNG MEN TO THRIVE IN INDEPENDENCE"

#### 1 OUT OF 10

All young people deserve to grow up in a safe and stable home. Yet individual, family, community and system challenges result 1 in 10 young adults ages 18 to 24 experiencing some form of homelessness over the course of a year





During the PIT count in 2022 554 youth between the ages of 18-24 were counted in Texas.

80% were unaccompanied on the night of the count.

61% were male.



Some 3.5 million young adults ages 18 to 24 experience some form of homelessness — whether sleeping on the streets or in shelters or "couch surfing" — in a given year.

<u>1 in 10 Young Adults, 1 in 30 Kids Experience Homelessness Each Year - The Annie E. Casey Foundation (aecf.org)</u> <u>2022 Point-in-Time Count Results – Texas Homeless Network (thn.org)</u>

## REFERRALS & ADMISSION

- Youth must be between the ages of 18-24 upon entrance into the program.
- Priority will be given to youth in Jefferson and immediate surrounding counties.
- Youth must not be considered a danger to self or others within the last 90-120 days.
- Youth cannot be actively involved with drugs or alcohol within the last 60 days.
- Youth must be willing to participate in the program.
  - Willing to abide by all expectations and regulations of the program.
  - Willing to abide by the plan developed in his Individual Service Plan.
  - Motivated and willing to participate in the service plan development to address emotional and behavioral problems if any are present.
- Youth must submit an application to be accepted into Journey House.
- Youth must pass a background check.
- Youth must provide 2 references, 1 personal and 1 professional (if possible).
- Youth must be willing to work, do community service and attend school or a vocational/job training program until completion of the program.
- Youth must be motivated to become self-sufficient with a clear desire to complete job skills training, obtain and maintain employment and permanent housing.



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### LENGTH OF STAY

Each resident will work one on one with a case manager to figure out their Action Plan. Your length of stay directly depends on your course of action.

#### **Resident Plan**

Working only

Work 60% School 40%

**Work 40% School 60%** 

**Work 20% School 80%** 

#### Length of stay

\*Subject to change\*

6-9 months

9-18 months

18 months

24 months

This depends on what type of schooling you are working for. i.e., GED, vocational program, degree at a community college or university etc.)

### PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

By choosing to actively engage and lead in your own case planning, you will aim towards your own personal success by meeting these goals during your stay at Journey House. You have an opportunity to create your own unique path forward and will have the support needed to achieve those goals. Our program is designed to support you for a maximum period of 24 months. It is up to you how much work and responsibility you are willing to take on to achieve your goals.



#### Orientation - 30 days

All young while enrolled at Journey House. adults
who enter our program will be in the orientation
phase. Your first 30 days are set up so you can
get to know the program, staff, and gain a
deeper understanding of what Journey House
can do to support your goals while here. This
month will also go into detail about different
avenues to help assess the motivation, drive, and
willingness to engage into our program

#### Phase 1 - Months 1-3

• During Phase 1, we will begin looking at areas you want to live in and/or apartments that you wish to live in soon. You will begin to establish a savings goal, income goal, and write out a potential budget to keep in mind that includes housing expenses. Further plans to ensure you can live independently will also be considered to ensure that your budget is realistic and achiev able based on what you have envisioned for your long-term career plan.

#### Phase 2 - Months 3-6

 During Phase 2, we expect you to focus on completing your schooling goals (if doing vocational), establish/maintain steady employment, continue to save your income, and continue to budget your income as needed.

#### Phase 3 - Months 6-12

 During Phase 3, your focus should continue to be on steady employment and gaining/maintaining a wage that is liv able and stable. You might be saving for other bigger purchases like a car or your own home and beginning to see the horizon on being able to dream of what life will be like on your own after completing the program and graduating from Journey House.

#### Phase 4 - Months 13-24

• During Phase 4 your focus should be to continue your steady employment and/or continue your education.



#### INTERESTING INFO:

- Journey House utilizes Positive Youth Development and Trust Based Relational Intervention.
- Journey House will be staffed with RA's (Resident Advocates) to assist with daily goals, transportation, meal assistance, and other independent living skills.
- Life Skills classes will be held multiple time a month. Volunteers needed!
- Journey House is a voluntary program. Each resident must choose to be a member and want to work their program accordingly.
- Residents are to complete 4 hours of Community Service each month in a local non-profit of their choosing.

#### WRAPAROUND SERVICES

We aim to work with these local agencies and many others to provide access to everything a young adult will need.

- Workforce Southeast Texas
- Goodwill
- Spindletop Center
- Legacy Community Health
- Samaritan Counseling

#### **EDUCATION FIRST!**

A resident's education is a priority!

- High School Diploma
- GED
- Vocational/Trade School
- 2-year degree
- 4-year degree



## THANKYOU

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