



ADMISSION CRITERIA

YouthQuest Next Step- Transitional Living Services

To ensure all applicants accepted for admission are appropriate for the transitional living program and that all external regulations governing YouthQuest Next Step are complied with, the following procedures shall be adhered to:

1. All applicants to YouthQuest Next Step will be assessed by the Admissions Coordinator/Program Director of the program
 - a. Applicants will have the ability to reside in an apartment setting requiring minimal supervision, but still needing support and guidance.
 - b. Applicant will have proven the ability to obtain/maintain employment
 - c. Applicant will have proven ability to remain enrolled in an educational setting or meeting jurisdictions daily requirements for constructive activities
 - d. Applicant will have proven the ability to save money to ensure the capability of providing for their basic daily needs
 - e. Applicant will have the ability to provide their own transportation via automobile or public transit system
2. After assuring the receipt of all required documentation for the purpose of assessment, the Admissions Coordinator or Program Director will perform a documentation review assessing the paperwork in accordance with YouthQuest's inclusion/exclusion criteria.
3. Should the applicant comply with YouthQuest's Next Step inclusion/exclusion criteria, an interview is arranged for the further assessment of the applicant.
4. During the interview, the Pre-admission Assessment form is completed.
5. Any questions about the applicant that were not answered through documentation review or interview will be addressed with the appropriate parties (Guardian, therapist, etc).
6. The Admission Coordinator and/or Program Director will give final approval of

acceptance or denial of applicant

Exclusions criteria:

- a. Current probable danger to self or active danger to others (suicidal, psychotic, overtly aggressive and dangerous)
- b. Functioning is lower than mild retardation
- c. Determined to have current acute addiction to alcohol and/or drugs
- d. Physical handicaps associated with ambulation, sight, hearing, speaking, etc; that would prevent the applicant from being able to function an appropriate degree of independence.

Discharge Criteria:

Discharge Criteria is typically met when the youth demonstrates progress on meeting the goals and objectives of the Individual Transitional Living Service Plan. Planning for discharge of a youth will involve the transition team which initially includes the youth, and the youth's parent and/or legal guardian, and referring agency; will begin at the time of admission, and will remain an important and dynamic issue throughout the program.

Criteria for the youth's discharge will be outlined on the Individual Transitional Living Service Plan and made available to the youth, parent/legal guardian, and the placement agency. The discharge criteria will be consistent with the services the program provides. The condition under which the youth may be discharged prior to completing the above mentioned criteria includes, but are not limited to the following: not being employed and/or not enrolled in school or vocational training program, life threatening self-injurious acts; extreme aggression/sexually acting out in the community, fire starting and possession of knives, guns, or other instruments of violence and ongoing substance abuse.

The Case Manager and/or Program Director will work with the referring agency, caregiver, and the youth to develop a plan and timeline to reduce or eliminate the above mentioned behaviors. If the plan is not successful, then the Case Manager and/or Program Director will communicate the need to terminate services with the referring worker.

There will be procedures for assisting the placing agency in securing another or more suitable program should YouthQuest cease operations, or should the program treatment team find the youth is in need of a more suitable program in light of specific needs.