



# SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM (SILP) FAST FACTS

## WHAT

SILP is a foster care supportive independent living program for clients ages 17-21. If pregnant/parenting this would include their children. Our program focuses on using the Trauma Informed Care Model to embrace the needs of our clients and deliver services that are based on trust, safety, choice, empowerment, and collaboration. Community sites are also available to those who qualify, including SSP designation such as college housing or living with kin.

## WHERE

1030 Ellicott Street, Buffalo NY 14202

## FACILITIES

An independent apartment/housing community which holds twelve townhouses with 2-3 bedrooms each. Each unit has a private kitchen, dining room, living room, and bathroom. Limited storage is also provided in each unit. There are shared laundry facilities, a fenced courtyard and community room for activities. The facility has 24-hour, on-site staffing to ensure the care and safety of each resident. The location is close to transportation, shopping, and educational facilities. It is handicap-accessible. Community sites are also available to those who qualify, under which circumstances the youth finds an apartment in the community, and Homespace pays their rent and utilities until the age of 21, when the youth may take over the lease and remain in the apartment as an adult.

## PROGRAMS

On-site services include: case management, independent living skills and parenting training, support groups, counseling, educational seminars, and recreational programs. Referrals can be made to the following services: daycare, education, employment, healthcare, housing, legal assistance and job training. Family Assessment and Service Plans are developed to help each family acquire the skills necessary to prepare each family/client to either reunite with their family of origin or attain their independence. Our clients are required to continue their education and/or vocational programming. Developmental milestones are tracked in all children. Those residents needing services not offered by Homespace SILP and children identified with developmental delays are referred to agencies for appropriate intervention.

## ELIGIBILITY

Persons 17 to 21 years old, who are pregnant or parenting, or single. Clients must be in foster care. Referrals can be generated by DSS offices in any and all counties in New York State.

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## VALUES

*Family ~ Self-Sufficiency ~ Responsibility ~ Security ~ Resiliency*