



# NEXT STEP FAST FACTS

## WHAT

Next Step is a QRTP certified Agency Operated Boarding Home for young women in foster care ages 14-21. This program provides safety, structure, and support from caring staff as youth learn independent living skills and prepare to live in a supported independent living program. Our program focuses on Trauma Informed Care, and all staff are trained in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention. We deliver safety, choice, empowerment and collaboration.

## WHERE

1030 Ellicott Street Buffalo NY, 14209

## FACILITIES

An Agency Operating Boarding Home with three shared bedrooms and two shared bathrooms. The home can support up to six clients at a time. The home also has a living room, kitchen, and study space. The home is staffed 24/7 to ensure the care and safety of each resident. The location is close to transportation, shopping, and educational and job training facilities.

## PROGRAMS

On-site services include case management, independent living skills and parenting training, support groups, counseling, medical services, educational seminars, and recreational programs. Referrals can be made to the following services: 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. Those residents needing services not offered by Homespace are referred to agencies for appropriate intervention.

## ELIGIBILITY

Youth in foster care ages 14-21. Referrals can be generated by LCDSS and/or agencies in any and all counties in New York State. Residents must be willing to live and work with a goal-oriented approach to independent living and permanency.

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## VALUES

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