



SILP Fact Sheet

- What:** SILP is a foster care supportive independent living program for youth, ages 17 (mature 16 year old) to 21. If pregnant/parenting this would include her children. Our program focuses on using the Trauma Informed Care Model to embrace the needs of our youth and deliver services that are based on trust, safety, choice, empowerment, and collaboration. Community sites are available to those youth who qualify.
- Where:** 1030 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY 14209
- When:** Homespace opened for business in 1994. It is a fully owned and operated component of Homespace Corporation.
- Why:** Homespace SILP was created in response to an unmet need to provide housing and services for young, single parents who are in foster care or eligible for foster care placement.
- 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. In addition, 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/training sites. The facility is handicap-accessible. Community sites are available to those youth who qualify.
- Programs & Services** On-site services include: case management, independent living skills and parenting training, support groups, educational seminars, and recreational programs. Referrals can be made to the following services: counseling, daycare, education, employment, health, 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/youth to either reunite with their family of origin or attain their independence. Our youth are required to continue their education and/or vocational programming. Developmental milestones are tracked in all children. Those residents who need services not offered by Homespace SILP and children identified with developmental deficiencies are referred to agencies for appropriate intervention.
- Eligibility:** Youth, 17 to 21 years of age, who are pregnant or parenting or young ladies who are not pregnant or parenting. Youth must be in foster care. Referrals are generated by Erie County Department of Social Services and other Counties. Residents must be willing to live and work with a goal-oriented approach to independent living and permanency.
- Staff:** Kim Morris, Executive Director of Homespace Corporation oversees a team of professionals who provide supportive services. The team consists of a Director of Youth Services, Director of Program Operations, Direct Care Worker Supervisor, Clinical Supervisor, Case Planner, Independent Living Trainer, and Direct Care Workers who provide 24-hour supervision.
- Additional Information** A description of Homespace Corporation's facilities, services and administration, as well as a complete list of requirements for residence at Next Step, Second Chance Home and Homespace SILP are available at www.homespacecorp.org
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