



Second Chance Home Fact Sheet

- What:** Second Chance Home is a group home for teenage mothers in foster care who range in age from 14-21 years old. 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.
- Where:** 1171 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209
- When:** Second Chance Home opened for business in 2005. It is fully owned and operated by Homespace Corporation.
- Why:** Second Chance Home 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:** A congregate-style, transitional dwelling with eight bedrooms and four bathrooms. In addition, there is a common living room/community room, kitchen, dining room, and children's playroom. A fully fenced backyard patio and a playground provided by Fisher-Price are available to the young families. The facility is handicap-accessible.
- Programs** On-site services include: case management, independent living skills education, support groups, educational seminars, nursery services, recreational programs, and parenting skills training. Referrals can be made to: counseling, daycare, education, employment, health, housing, legal assistance and job-training.
- Family Assessment and Service Plans are developed to help each family to acquire the skills necessary to prepare her to either reunite with her family or attain independence. Our youth are required to continue their educational and/or vocational programming. Developmental milestones are tracked with all of our children. Those youths who need services not offered by Second Chance Home and children identified with developmental deficiencies are referred to agencies for appropriate intervention.
- Eligibility:** Pregnant and parenting teenagers who are 14 to 21 years of age who are in foster care. Referrals are generated by Erie County Department of Social Services (ECDSS), school/teachers, service provider agencies, families. Many are self referrals. Residents must be willing to live and work with a goal-oriented approach to independent living and permanency.
- Funding:** Funding for construction of Second Chance Home was provided by: New York State's Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP), a grant from the Federal Home Loan Grant Program, and a grant from United Parcel Service (UPS).
- 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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