

**Joseph's House, Incorporated  
Transitional Housing Program Admission Process**

**East Bessemer Avenue House**

**Admission Criteria**

- **Young adults who are homeless and in high school will be given priority**
- Must be able to pass a drug test
- Males 18-21 years old, or males 16-17 if emancipated, with no or limited income, and no alternative stable living arrangement.
- Consent to agree to the program rules and expectations, and engage in and receive services and resources.
- Must have the capacity to work or be enrolled in high school.
- Must be willing to work towards achieving self-sufficiency and moving on to independent living within 18-months.
- Anticipated date of high school graduation/GED within 18-24 months of admission depending on age at entrance in the program.
- Physically able to safely reside in the facility, and mentally, emotionally, and behaviorally ready to use program services.
- Young adults who left the custody of DSS on or after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, but have not yet reached age 21.
- Willing to commit to staying in the program until ready to graduate high school unless reunified with family.

Note: All selected applicants will be asked to take a drug test and sign a plan of independence contract.

**Exclusionary Criteria**

- Active psychotic behavior
- Violent/assaultive behavior
- Active substance abuse rendering the young adults unsuitable to group process and interaction.

**Referral Process**

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Referrals require active involvement by the young adult and a case manager. The young adult must:

- Request admission
- Tour the facility and meet with staff
- Meet with current residents
- Read and understand the house rules and responsibilities

The case manager will be requested to complete the referral process by giving Joseph's House staff the following if available:

- Children's Services Case Plan Evaluation;
- Ansell-Casey Life Skills Assessment;
- Social Summary;
- Medical clearance
- Staff will make the final determination concerning admission. The first thirty (30) days of the stay will be considered a trial period. At the end of the thirty days the young adult will be asked to evaluate the ability of the program to meet his needs and the staff will be asked to evaluate the fit of the person with Josephs House.