



TRANSITIONAL INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM

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MISSION

Central Florida Employment Program & Services, Inc. is dedicated to empowering youth aging out of foster care and other vulnerable populations through housing, employment readiness, life-skills development, educational support, mentoring, and community partnerships that promote self-sufficiency and long-term success.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Transitional Independent Living Program provides structured housing and supportive services for young adults transitioning into adulthood. The program is designed to serve approximately 20–40 residents in a safe, supportive, and goal-oriented environment.

Our objective is to help participants achieve stability, employment, education, financial independence, and permanent housing while developing the skills necessary for long-term success.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Housing & Basic Needs

- Safe and stable housing
- Furnished living accommodations

- Food assistance and meal support
- Transportation assistance
- Resource navigation and referrals

Employment & Career Development

- Resume development
- Interview preparation
- Job placement assistance
- Career coaching
- Workforce development partnerships
- Trade school and vocational referrals

Education Support

- GED support
- College enrollment assistance
- Financial aid guidance
- Educational planning
- Vocational certification opportunities

Independent Living Skills

- Budgeting and financial literacy
- Banking and savings education
- Credit-building education
- Household management
- Time management
- Goal setting and accountability

Mentoring & Personal Development

- Individual mentoring
- Life coaching
- Community engagement opportunities
- Weekly goal-setting meetings

- Leadership development

FAITH-BASED FOUNDATION

Our program is founded on principles of faith, compassion, service, integrity, and personal responsibility. Residents are encouraged to participate in voluntary faith-based activities, mentoring opportunities, Bible studies, and community worship experiences that support positive personal growth and healthy decision-making.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

By providing housing and comprehensive support services, our program seeks to reduce homelessness, unemployment, and instability among youth aging out of foster care while increasing educational achievement, workforce participation, and long-term self-sufficiency.

OUR VISION

To create a thriving community where every young adult aging out of foster care has access to safe housing, meaningful employment, educational opportunities, supportive relationships, and the resources necessary to build a successful future.

Providing More Than Housing—Offering Hope, Stability, and a Fresh Start.