

# Host Homes for Homeless Youths



A new program in Fairfax County to help homeless young people, the Host Homes Program provides support to youth who are unaccompanied — which means they are not living with a parent or guardian.

Who is an unaccompanied youth? A school-aged person who is not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian and who lives in inadequate or temporary settings such as:

- Doubled up with relatives who are not your legal guardian;
- Living in motels, hotels, parks or campgrounds or sleeping in cars, public places, bus or train stations or abandoned buildings.
- Staying with a friend or a friend's family; or
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters.

Students are homeless for a variety of reasons.

We are looking for persons or families who would like to help by providing a place to stay so that a homeless high school student can continue attending school.

The goal of the program is to provide safe, stable, supervised homes for homeless high school students ages 16 to 21.

This new program will enable these students to continue attending high school through graduation.



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