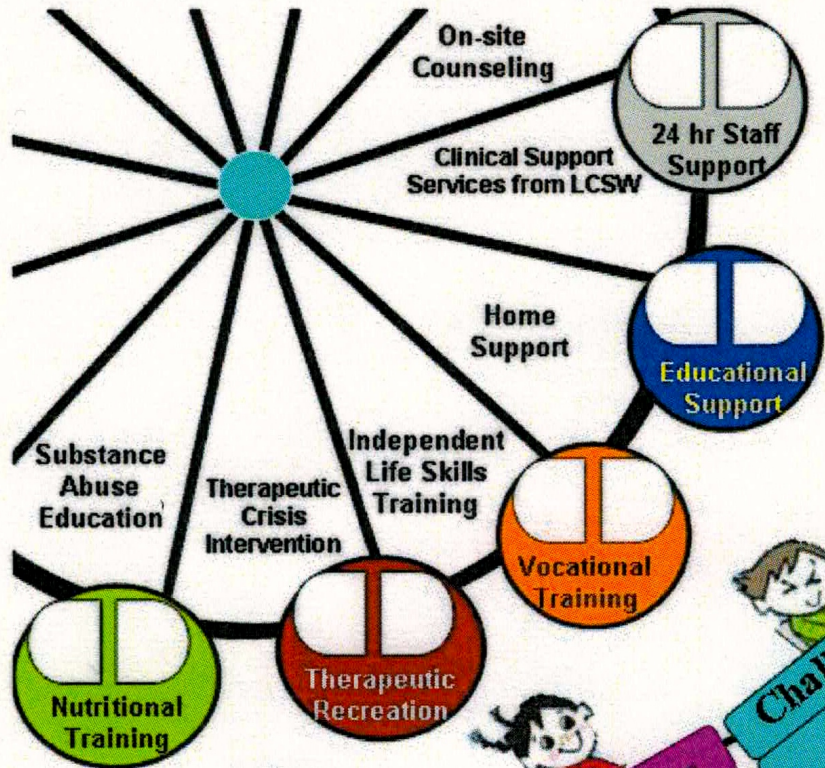


Challengers Independent Living, Inc.

"It's A Challenge, not a problem"



Foster Care

Bert's Place
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Independent Living Preparatory Program for Boys ages 15-18

Bert's Place Too
Independent Living Preparatory Program for Girls ages 16-21

- ◆ Provide comprehensive life skills services in a safe and nurturing environment
- ◆ Participants can develop, learn and practice independent life skills
- ◆ Participants are prepared for a smooth transition to a less restrictive living environment

Liberty Place Apartments

Independent Living Programs ages 16-21

- ◆ Provide Participants with an opportunity to learn and practice independent life skills
- ◆ Prevent homelessness, substance abuse, crime, domestic violence, and child abuse post discharge from foster care.

Brenbrook Apartments & Hillendale Apartments

Rent Own Apartment or Purchase Home

Independent Living Program ages 18-21

- ◆ Graduates demonstrate mastery of independent life skills
- ◆ Participants learn to budget their finances, establish a line of credit and rental history, and maximize personal savings.

After-Care Program, post age 21, and Emancipated from Foster Care

- ◆ Provide a year of aftercare services to former Participants
- ◆ Track how graduates manage learned skills
- ◆ Maintain ongoing relationship with graduates beyond their 21st birthday
- ◆ Provide continued case management services
- ◆ Establish an indefinite relationship

INDEPENDENCE

Challengers Successes

- ◆ Served over 250 teens over the past 9 years
- ◆ 97% graduation rate from public High School
- ◆ 100% of our teens attend an accredited educational program
- ◆ 90% employment rate
- ◆ 2 Four year College graduates
 - Trinity College - Spring 2004
 - Univ. of MD Balto Co - 2005
 - Coppin State Univ - 2008
 - Towson State Univ - 2009
- ◆ 6 Participants saved over \$10,000
- ◆ 1 Participant saved over \$19,000

Mission: To provide teens, ages 15-21, with comprehensive life skills services in order to prepare them for a positive, self-sufficient life.

"The only preparation for tomorrow is the correct use of today"

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