

The transitional housing programs commitment is to remove barriers that prevent low-income individuals from securing permanent stable housing in the District of Columbia. It is a program designed for youth ages (18-24), offering scattered-site transitional housing, with a maximum stay of 18 months. Participants receive a wide range of supportive services during their 18-month transitional period and an additional 6-12 months after allowing for a total of 30 months of services provided to them.

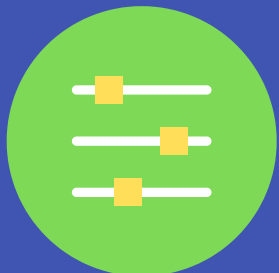
This 18-month transitional program is distinguished as three separate phases; each culminating in an evaluation of the client's participation and progress in the program for the previous six months. Clients demonstrating sufficient progress are granted an extension for an additional six months and move on to the next phase of the cycle. Clients who do not show evidence of adequate progress may be terminated from the program.



STEPS TO STABILITY

The four phases of the transitional housing program.

Month 1-6



The first six months are designated for client adjustment to the program and a new living environment, with casework emphasis on employment.



During the second phase of six months, clients work closely with staff to analyze and tackle issues of maintaining employment, establishing or improving credit, and budgeting.



During the last six months of the program, clients have learned to fully focus on two overarching goals, to transition out of the program into permanent housing, and to improve personal finances.



Once clients have successfully completed the program they are automatically enrolled in the aftercare program; participation in the aftercare program is voluntary and is left to the discretion of the client. Clients may continue receiving aftercare services after 24 months based on the circumstances of their situation and the availability of staff.