At Valley Youth House, we envision a world in which every young person belongs to a nurturing community. Valley Youth House’s Bridge2Home: A Host Home Model Program connecting youth (ages 16-20) who are experiencing housing instability with volunteer homes.

The Bridge2Home program is currently seeking homes/families for this exciting, new program in Armstrong, Indiana, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties. The program is seeking homes/families with the basics of housing stability, reasonable patience, understanding, a suitable room for the youth, and who want to get involved, give back to strengthen the success of our local youth who may be facing some challenges.

The objectives of this program are to support youth in developing, obtaining, and improving daily living skills and assisting them in moving to a more permanent and safe living situation. This may include reunification with a parent or guardian, moving into their own or shared housing, the military, or college. Primary areas of focus are: housing, education, employment, permanency, and parenting skills when appropriate.

Host Homes/Host Families are recruited, screened, trained, and supported by Valley Youth House staff. Youth are introduced prior to any host placement and must voluntarily agree to reside with a particular host. Program staff assist the youth and host in completing a host and participant contract prior to move in. Homes will receive a stipend, support, and services from Valley Youth House staff.

Once placed, each youth will be assisted by the Housing Stability Coach (HSC). The role of the HSC is to assist the youth in developing and implementing an individual transition plan. Plan domains include, but are not limited to: housing, education, employment, permanency, physical and mental health, and social/recreational goals. Both short-term and long-term goals are addressed, i.e. maintaining stable housing with the host in the short-term while working on a long-term housing solution.

This program is to connect vulnerable homeless youth with a stable, nurturing, supportive home to guide them down the right path and encourage safe, positive choices.

For more information about becoming a host home, please contact Carol Dunlap, Host Home Coordinator, Valley Youth House, 412.742.7474, cdunlap@valleyyouthhouse.org.

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