



Member Spotlight: Homospace

Homospace, located in Buffalo, NY, provides a safe and nurturing transitional living environment with supportive services for single parent families that prepares them to achieve and maintain their independence. The organization is celebrating the second anniversary of its Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP) and has been recognized as the first SILP in New York state that provides around-the-clock on-site supervision to assist families and youth.

Every resident at Homospace is expected to work diligently on their goals and each one is linked with a Case Planner and Independent Living Coordinator to help guide them.

Case Planners connect Homospace residents with school, work, vocational training, day care services, medical services, and mental health counseling. Additionally, this person works closely with Family Court and Department of Social Services to ensure that their service plan is strengths-based and comprehensive.

Kim Morris, Executive Director, attributes much of the program's success to the "dedication and compassion" of Homospace's direct care workers. "Our direct care team works one-on-one with our residents to teach parenting and independent living skills, build interpersonal skills, and provide the nurturance our youth need to develop into healthy, safe, and confident parents," she says. "They provide the foundation which our agency is build on and work so hard to be the 'parents' of our homes."

As for the future, Ms. Morris says, "We continue to welcome new families into our program, and continue to find innovative ways of engaging them so that they can reach their full potential one step at a time."

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