



Boys' Independent Living House



Girls' Independent Living House

Independent Living Program

The Independent Living Program (ILP) at Youth For Tomorrow is based upon the *STANDARDS FOR LICENSED CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES*, issued by the Virginia Department of Social Services.

For each resident, the ILP commences with an 8-week orientation followed by a structured program to assist in the development of Independent Living skills, consistent with YFT policies, its regulatory agencies and the resident's Individual Service Plan (ISP).

In order to be considered for entry into the ILP, applicants must meet each of the following criteria or be granted a waiver by an Evaluation Team:

- * Be between the ages of 17 and 20 during residence in the ILP (a resident must leave the program by his/her 21st birthday).
- * Be a high school graduate, have earned a GED, be enrolled as a senior in YFT's secondary school or be enrolled in a post-secondary educational/vocational program.
- * Must be meeting the educational requirement of a 2.0 G.P.A.
- * Be employed or employable.
- * Must have a negative UDS upon submission of Transfer Application.
- * Possess private medical insurance or be covered by Medicaid.
- * All YFT candidates must have successfully completed eight consecutive weeks of an campus employment before transfer application is completed.

In addition to meeting these criteria, each resident of the ILP is expected to demonstrate the motivation to develop his/her skills in the area of independent living.