



OFFICE OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

AT THE DC CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY



RAPID HOUSING PROGRAM PREP SESSION FOR 19 YEAR OLDS

Rapid Housing is a short-term rental subsidy program that assists emancipating youth who qualify with paying a portion of their rent for up to a year (see details below). The program is available for up to two calendar years following a youth's 21st birthday.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

- You must be employed or have consistent income that would allow you to live in housing of your choice.
- Rapid Housing assistance is also available to youth attending college full time who have at least a 2.0 GPA. Assistance is also available to youth attending college part time and residing off campus. Youth must be employed at least part time and have consistent income to allow you to live in housing of your choice.

I'M 19 AND INTERESTED...NOW WHAT?

- You can start the process by participating in an information session. Information sessions will occur at OYE offices **9 am – 10 am and 4 pm - 5 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month.**
- During the information session, youth will have the opportunity to complete a roommate matching form to learn about other youth who will also be searching for housing.
- Youth will have the opportunity to be scheduled to participate in an individual interview to gauge your readiness for the program and learn how you can become eligible if you currently are not. Please plan to bring the following documents to the interview: 3 most recent paystubs, a detailed budget, a copy of a credit report pulled within a year and information regarding at least 3 apartments (cost, utilities, etc.).
- Following the information session, you will be scheduled to participate in an individual interview to gauge your readiness for the program and learn how you can become eligible if you currently are not.

CONTACT

If you have any additional questions, contact OYE Social Worker Nicole Broome at (202) 727-7372 or at nicole.broome@dc.gov.

DON'T FORGET!

The Rapid Housing program is not an entitlement program and participants must meet the requirements listed above.