



OUR SUCCESSES

- Each year more than 1,200 young people benefit from the Independent Living Program
- More than 75% of participants ages 19-22 have a high school diploma or GED
- Camelot has been awarded a grant to provide rental assistance to qualified participants of the program
- More than 99% of program participants have stable housing each month
- Youth participants are provided advocacy opportunities to have their voices heard to improve services for future foster youth

“ Without the support and guidance of my Counselor at Camelot, I would not be where I am today! Their step-by-step assistance and reassurance helped me to believe in myself and that I can accomplish my goals. ”

– Independent Living Program Recipient

ABOUT CAMELOT

Camelot Community Care's mission is to develop and provide services which enable children and families to realize their full potential.

Each day, Camelot provides services to over 5,000 children and families who have experienced the trauma of abuse and neglect and/or may be in need of behavioral health services.

Our services aim to protect children, preserve families, and achieve permanency and stability for the children in our care.

For more information please visit www.camelotcommunitycare.org

All Camelot Community Care programs are licensed and certified to provide services in each state where services are provided

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INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES



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ABOUT INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

Camelot's Independent Living program is responsible for the coordination and implementation of Independent Living Services to teens and young adults as they transition from the foster care system to living independently. The goal of the Independent Living Program is to prepare the young people in our program for adulthood and self-sufficiency. We accomplish this by assisting them with their educational, housing and employment needs.

Young people transitioning from the foster care system often face challenges with living independently while juggling the demands of school, work and meeting their financial needs. These young people strive to succeed and with the assistance of Camelot's Independent Living Program they develop individual plans to help each person meet their personal goals for success!

EDUCATION

Due to the circumstances that lead children to be placed in the foster care system, they often fall behind in school while adjusting to being separated from their family and healing from the trauma this causes. As older teens prepare to transition from the foster care system, Camelot's Independent Living Program provides support and guidance to help them complete their education. These services assist transitioning youth to:

- Graduate High School
- Attend Post-Secondary/College/Technical School
- Earn Certifications

HOUSING

Housing is one of the most immediate needs for youth transitioning from the foster care system. The Independent Living Program at Camelot collaborates with housing partners and host homes who provide safe and secure housing options for the young people who participate in our program.

EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

The state of Florida has extended foster care eligibility to the age of 21. Camelot Community Care partners with the Child Welfare system to administer this program. Current and former foster youth have a variety of services available to nurture their success. In the past, youth did not have the option to remain in foster care after their 18th birthday. Now, through Extended Foster Care, they have the flexibility they need to transition into adulthood at a pace that suits their individual circumstances.



LIFE SKILLS

A valuable part of Camelot's Independent Living Program are the life skills and training opportunities offered to the young people participating in the program. Life skills sessions include:

- Employment programs or vocational training
- Budget and financial management
- Housing education and home management
- Health education and risk prevention
- Family support and healthy marriage
- Mentoring
- Room & board and financial assistance

EMPLOYMENT

Employment outcomes show that youth transitioning from the foster care system may struggle with finances and maintaining employment. Camelot Community Care's Independent Living Program works with each participant to identify employment interests that will lead to better financial stability. Camelot also works collaboratively with community partners to provide workforce development, career planning and skill building.

Historically, employment outcomes for youth transitioning from the foster care system are low. Participants in Camelot's Independent Living Program are more successful in finding and maintaining employment from the support received through our program.