LifeWorks is a fearless advocate for youth and families seeking their path to self-sufficiency.
LifeWorks has been providing services to runaway, homeless, and abused youth since 1969. The goal of LifeWorks’ housing services is to provide a continuum of support that will help transition youth from homelessness to permanent housing and independence.

**AFTER CARE TRANSITIONAL SERVICES**
ACTS is a case management program designed to assist youth transitioning out of the foster care system to achieve independence as adults in the community. The program helps individuals establish a home, obtain employment, access health care, manage money, exhibit personal and interpersonal responsibility, and plan for the future.

**STREET OUTREACH**
The Street Outreach Program is the first step in the LifeWorks continuum of housing services. Street Outreach serves runaway, homeless, street-dependent, and at-risk youth and young adults with an array of services focused on reducing the risks of street life. When youth come to LifeWorks Street Outreach, staff members work with each client to identify and address their basic needs. These requests include food, clothing, shelter, hygiene supplies, and often just someone to listen to them.

**TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM**
LifeWorks Transitional Living Program is an apartment-based transitional housing program. The program provides individual case management support to homeless youth who need to complete their education, establish savings, find and maintain employment, and learn independent living skills before moving on to self-supporting adulthood. Each youth works with a case manager to establish a plan focusing on education, employment, budgeting, housekeeping, community resources, and other goals.

**EMERGENCY SHELTER**
LifeWorks operates a 24-hour walk-in emergency shelter for youth in Travis County. Youth who are victims of abuse, abandonment, violence, or homelessness turn to LifeWorks for shelter and support. Youth stay weeks or months depending on need and are provided comprehensive case management services, with an emphasis on moving toward self-sufficiency. The Emergency Shelter has the capacity to serve 20 youth, is staffed 24/7, and is licensed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

**Serves**
- Youth ages 17 1/2 through 20 years old who are currently in DFPS custody or were in DFPS custody as of their 18th birthday. These services are available to youth residing in the 30 county area defined as DFPS Region 7.
- Serves youth through age 26 (until their 27th birthday) who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

**Meals**
- Monday–Thursday at the Youth Resource Center (YRC), open 10am–2pm.
PERMANENT SUPPORTED HOUSING
Permanent Supported Housing provides on-site case management and Independent Living Skills classes to young adults for as long as they are residents of LifeWorks apartments. Clients work one-on-one with a case manager on goals that include maintaining their apartments, independent living skills, education, employment, and budgeting.

Open to youth ages 16-18 who are in the custody of Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and eligible for Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) services, living in DFPS Region 7.
(Note: Youth in DFPS extended care (up to 21) who have not completed PAL Life Skills training are also eligible.)

LIFE SKILLS TRAINING
This 38-hour course is designed to prepare youth aging out of foster care to live independently as adults. Training is provided through experiential group activities, learning materials and packets, discussions, field trips, and guest speakers. Topics addressed are health and safety, housing and transportation, job readiness, financial management, life decisions/responsibilities, and personal/social relationships.

Serves families caring for a child with a diagnosed disability or youth under 22 years of age who have aged out of foster care, are fleeing domestic violence, are homeless, or are at risk of becoming homeless. Must have no felonies or history of drug-related/violent offenses.

YOUNG PARENTS PROGRAM
LifeWorks Young Parenting Program is an apartment-based transitional housing program for pregnant and parenting youth. The program provides family case management with a focus on increasing educational and employment opportunities, parenting education, locating permanent housing, securing childcare and improving the long-term well-being of parents and children.

RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM
The Rapid Rehousing Program provides individualized rental assistance and wrap-around case management support to provide the least amount of assistance needed for participants ages 18-24 to become independent. Clients work individually with a case manager on goals that include affordable housing, education, employment, budgeting and debt management. LifeWorks accept referrals through the community’s coordinated entry process. For locations and times to complete a coordinated assessment call 211 or visit www.austinecho.org/ca.

PORT
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Serves homeless young adults ages 18 through 21 who are pregnant or parenting.

The target population is young people, ages 18-24, who are experiencing literal homelessness and have completed Coordinated Assessment.

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Enrollment

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EMERGENCY SHELTER
Must call to set up counseling session beforehand unless in immediate danger. Parents and minors in crisis go through Youth and Adult Counseling by calling the LifeWorks main line at (512) 735-2400.

TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM
To inquire about eligibility and availability, please contact (512)735-2111.

AFTER CARE TRANSITIONAL SERVICES
Call ACTS intake line at (512)735-2400.

LIFE SKILLS TRAINING
Youth are referred by DFPS PAL Coordinators. PAL Coordinators and caregivers complete intake packets for teens enrolled in Life Skills classes.

There are no fees to enroll in Life Skills Training.

YOUNG PARENTS PROGRAM
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RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM
Contact RHH staff at (512)735-2400.

PERMANENT SUPPORTED HOUSING
All applicants should have previously completed a Coordinated Assessment through ECHO. To inquire about eligibility and availability, please contact (512)735-2111.

DIVERSION
To inquire about eligibility and availability, please contact (512)735-2128.
We are committed to innovative problem solving, shared accountability, and a relentless focus on achieving real, sustainable and measurable results for the clients we serve.
LOCATIONS

East Location
835 North Pleasant Valley Road
Austin, TX 78702
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South Location
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North Location
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Hours of Operation
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Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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