



“ We help young men to overcome homelessness and build new lives. ”

# WINDSOR RESIDENCE FOR YOUNG MEN

## What do we do?

The Windsor Residence for Young Men (WRYM) supports youth 16-24 years of age as they leave homelessness behind to build new lives. WRYM provides a range of services to support youth who identify as male on their journey from “street to home.”

## How do we do it?

- ⇒ **Transitional Housing Program** – 10 bed residential program that offers emotional support, life-skill teaching, case management, and housing acquisition. This program includes 24/7/365 staffing and support to help address a youth’s needs relating to their experience of homelessness.
- ⇒ **Semi-Independent Living Program** – 2 bed residential program for graduates of Transitional Housing. Semi-Independent Living residents still receive staff support and assistance where required, but they are able to gain experience coping with some of the challenges that will occur when living independently.
- ⇒ **Youth Independence Program (YIP)** – A 3 month classroom based life skill curriculum, that runs Monday to Friday from 1 to 3 pm. Life-skills discussed in YIP ensure resiliency and enhance a resident’s self reliance. Youth who complete this program are eligible for a high school credit through the Public Alternative Secondary School (PASS).
- ⇒ **Aftercare / Outreach Program** – We provide support to any of our former residents who require assistance after leaving our home, as well as others who decide not to enter our program. These services offered are geared towards housing retention, short-term crisis response, referral assistance, and/or emotional support.

**We offer youth a hand up – not a handout.**

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## Who are we helping?

- ⇒ Youth who identify as male and are at-risk of homelessness
- ⇒ Victims of abuse, neglect, and/or family violence
- ⇒ 2SLGBTQI+ youth
- ⇒ Persons with mental health concerns / diagnoses
- ⇒ BIPOC populations (black, indigenous, or persons of colour)
- ⇒ Youth in recovery from substance abuse disorders
- ⇒ New Canadians
- ⇒ Those with historical or current Children’s Aid involvement
- ⇒ Youth experiencing legal concerns
- ⇒ Youth in poverty

## How well do we do it?

- ⇒ Approximately 87% of residents acquired housing
- ⇒ Around 84% of residents either graduated high school or attended school
- ⇒ Almost 1/3 of residents became employed
- ⇒ On average, each resident is connected with 7 referrals for support to address housing and personal needs
- ⇒ 240 life skill classes are taught through YIP each year
- ⇒ 100 youth are served in Aftercare each year and over 2,000+ supports are given

## How do we collaborate?

