**Youth Housing Navigation Program**

**Application**

**What is the YHN Program**

The Youth Housing Navigator (YHN) program at WoodGreen Community Services is designed to meet the needs of youth experiencing significant safety and housing precarity issues, as well as situational, episodic and chronic homelessness. We offer comprehensive case management and navigation support in identifying, securing and sustaining short-and-long-term housing for youth between the ages of 16-30 years old. Whether street homeless, navigating a transition from shelter, moving through the evictions process, or dealing with an unsafe housing environment, the YHN can support in the search, completion of applications, viewing and unit inspections, lease review and signing, landlord engagement, RTA literacy and education, and advocacy with the Landlord Tenant Board (LTB). Once part of the YHN program, clients can apply for access to rent subsidy. Being a YHN client does not mean that an applicant is eligible for rent subsidy as a result of their status in the program. For more information about access to rent subsidy, please speak with your worker or the housing navigator. Please see submitting application for contact details.

**What the YHN Program is Not**

The YHN Program is NOT a residential program. We do not offer direct access to housing, neither market rent nor transitional or supportive housing. The YHN program is NOT a financial subsidy program. Although we do offer access to rent subsidies, these funds are allocated to clients who meet eligibility criteria, have completed additional financial health assessments, met our documentation requirements and are in transition from homelessness or precarious housing environments that have been identified as unsafe or unsustainable by both the client and program. The program does not intake clients seeking financial support to sustain school or to offset financial burdens as a result of a transition from another subsidy program or the loss of employment.

**Eligibility Criteria**

* Youth between the ages of 16-30
* Living in Toronto and the inner-city suburbs of the GTA
* Street homeless; **or**
* In transition from shelter; **or**
* In transition from transitional/Supportive Housing; **or**
* Precariously housed (in transition from housing because of an eviction or unsafe living conditions)

\**We highly encourage all youth to apply, including First Nations, Metis and Inuit youth who may be in transition from reserve or already living in city of Toronto.*

**Completing the Application**

This application is meant to provide the Youth Navigator with a general understanding of your housing situation and needs. It will also be used to help identify specific areas which you may require additional supports or resources in order to ensure you are able to remain housed. Please try your best to answer all questions, as the more information we have about your situation, the better we can understand what types of supports you are in-need of and how we may be able to assist you.

**Submitting the Application**

Please direct all completed applications or questions to Will McCarty

Email: WMcCarty@woodgreen.org

**Applicant & Referral Source Information**

Name of person making referral:       Agency:

Position:       Telephone:

Email:       Today’s Date (M/D/Y):

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| Young Persons First & Last Name:  Personal Pronouns:      Preferred name:  Date of Birth (M/D/Y):  Telephone:       Email:  Is it safe to leave a voicemail? Yes  No |
| n  **How Do You Identify?**  Please tick all that apply:  Boy/Man  Girl/Woman  Cisgender  Intersex  Non-Binary  Non-Conforming  Transgender  Two-Spirited  Questioning/Exploring  Prefer Not to Say  Don’t Know  Something Else  Do you identify as a member of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community Yes  No  Black  Asian (South)  Asian (East)  Caucasian  First Nations  Metis  Inuit  Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish Origin of Any Race  Multi-Racial  Prefer Not to Say  Something Else  **Citizenship & Status**  Please tick all that apply:  Canadian Citizen  Permanent Resident  Refugee  International Student  Work Permit  Something Else  Are you legally entitled to work in Canada? Yes  No  Are currently or have you ever been involved with a Children’s Aid Society as a “youth in care” Yes  No  **Employment and Education** |

Please tick all that apply:

Working Full Time

Working Part Time

Pre-Employment Programming

Unemployed

High School

Post-Secondary (College, Univerisity, Trades Certification)

Not in School (High School Completed)

Not in School (High School Not Completed)

**Current Income**

Are you currently receiving an income Yes  No

Please indicate all sources of incoming revenue (e.g. OW, ODSP, RSG etc)

What is your current monthly income

**Current Housing and Address Information**

Are you currently homeless Yes  No

If you are homeless, please tell us where you are staying right now:

Neighbor

Friend’s house (or couch surfing)

Shelter

Hospital

Jail

Streets (park, squat, laneway, stairwell etc)

Transitional or Supportive Housing

Other:

If applicable, how long have you been experiencing homelessness?

Less than <30 days

More than >30 day

Three months of less

Six months of less

Twelve months of less

More than one year (12+)

If you are living in shelter, transitional or supportive housing, have you been given a date that you must leave by? Yes  No

Please provide the date:

If you are currently housed, please tell us where you are staying right now:

Renting a place on my own

Renting a place with a roommate

Living in a school residence

Living with parent/family member (paying rent)

Living with a parent/family member (not paying rent)

Current Address      

*Street Address Apartment/Unit# #*

     

*City Postal Code*

What is your current rent (w/amenities)

Do you have plans to leave or are you in transition from your existing housing arrangement?

Yes  No

Please describe

Do you currently have an eviction notice or any immediate threats to your housing?

Yes  No

Please describe

Are there existing safety concerns that are informing your reasons for leaving?

Yes  No

Please describe

Are you currently/or will you be responsible for any dependents’ (children/youth/anyone under the age of 18) where you are, or will be living while in the program? Yes  No

If yes, please tell us how many dependents under the age of 18 will be living with you

Please tell us how old each child is in years

Are there any criminal justice matters (active charges before the courts) that might impact your access to housing? Yes  No

**General Request for Support**

**What type of support are you seeking?**

Please describe in as much detail a possible what type of support you are looking for:

*Please note that acceptance into the YHN program does not mean you are approved for rental subsidy. Eligibility for subsidy is determined by the program using a rental subsidy eligibility calculator. Assessment of subsidy eligibility takes place both during intake and at any other point that rental subsidy is requested. Please ask your worker or the person conducting intake if you have questions regarding rental subsidy eligibility criteria.*

**Are you interested in exploring other supports at WoodGreen? (check all that apply)**

Walk-In Counselling

Psychiatry

Cultural

Recreational Programming

Women’s Housing and Education Programming

Financial Literacy Programming

Tax Filing

Employment Programming and Supports

Education Supports and Homework Help

Other:

**Declaration and Signature**

*Please understand that we have many young people who are interested in support and would very much like to access the program. If you complete an application, but choose not to follow through, please simply let us know. We will not be upset. It is your right to make the choices that best suit your life and circumstances. All we ask is that you or your worker let us know, so we can give someone else a chance to apply. If we are not able to reach you within the first 14 days, and we do not hear from either you or your worker so we can understand the reasons for the lack of contact, we will assume you are no longer interested in the support.*

*I**(Print Full Name) acknowledge that all the information I have provided is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misinformation could disqualify me from receiving the youth housing support, and could impact my eligibility in accessing other services at WoodGreen Community Services.*

***X***

***Applicants Signature***