

## Program Requirements:

- Males and Females ages 17.5 - 20
- Males and Females ages 17.5 - 20 with a child 0 - 4 years of age at the time of admission (or a female in her third trimester)
- Youth must be committed to a State Agency (example: Department of Social Services)
- Youth must have a documented IQ (of 70 or above)
- Youth must actively participate in his/her own service planning
- Attending an education/vocation program
- Employed full or part-time



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## Supportive Living, Independent Living & Young Parents Program



# Our Beginnings...

King Edwards Programs were established in response to the need to assist youth and young adults who were struggling to achieve independence and transitioning out of the child welfare system. Many were experiencing difficulties in the community and found themselves homeless or without supportive adult resources. For youth who had family and friends the transition was not as challenging; however, emergency shelters and homeless resources were typical for many.

The Agency's first response to these youth's needs was to develop Emergency Respite Care Services. These services were provided from 1995 through 1997. More than 50 youth ages 17 to 21 were stabilized and transitioned back to families or to independent living settings.

In February 2003, King Edwards, Inc. (KEI) was licensed as a Child Placement Agency serving youth ages 17.5 to 21 and developed Supportive and Independent Living services for this population.

In 2010, KEI proposed that our current service population be expanded to include programming to young parents who have one child and wanted to be considered for Independent Living Placement.

In July of 2011, King Edwards, Inc. "A Journey Home": Independent Living Services for Young Parents was approved and is currently in a contractual relationship with DHR to serve ten (10) youth who are preparing for independent living and successfully exiting the foster care system with their child.

## Our Mission:

*"To assist youth and young adults to become self-sufficient, self-reliant, and to sustain themselves in the community and live a quality life."*

### Supportive Living Services

- ◆ Provides individualized service planning
- ◆ A 30 - 90 day assessment to determine youth's readiness for independent living
- ◆ Placement in starter apartment for up to six months
- ◆ On-site adult supervision and support
- ◆ Case management
- ◆ "Independent Living Skills" preparation workshops
- ◆ Bi-Monthly Support Stipend
- ◆ Education/Vocation Supports
- ◆ Employment Supports
- ◆ Mental Health Linkage

### Independent Living & Young Parent Services

- ◆ Provides placement in a one-bedroom apartment within the community
- ◆ Individualized Service Planning
- ◆ Site visits and check-ins
- ◆ Bi-Monthly Support Stipends
- ◆ Education/Vocation Supports
- ◆ Employment Supports
- ◆ Youth Retreats
- ◆ Peer Support Group Services
- ◆ Independent Living Skills Workshops
- ◆ Provides therapeutic assessments and supports for emotional and psychological adjustments to program services

