EXISTING HOUSING MODELS IN OHIO

**Daybreak, in Dayton**, operates a housing program for youth ages 18 – 21 years old. Their goal is to move homeless youth out of homelessness, poverty, under-education, and crisis and into housing, financial independence, educational achievement, and self-sufficiency. This program is designed to teach youth how to become independent and become contributing members of society. Their 54 apartments have a steady flow of youth entering and graduating.

**Lighthouse Youth Services, in Cincinnati**, provides a system of tiered housing for transitional youth ages 18 - 24 years old. Their resource center provides food, personal hygiene items, survival clothing, showers, laundry facilities, Internet access, mail service, and other survival and harm reduction services. Their staff includes a full time coordinator to assist youth in accessing employment opportunities, housing, mental health and substance abuse services as well as self sufficiency training, including financial literacy. A registered nurse is on staff to provide basic health care and first aid, as well as referrals to other health care resources.

**My Place in Columbus** is a 16-unit residential program on the Near East Side for teens leaving foster care. They provide fully furnished apartments and independent living preparation. Ownership has recently transferred from Starr Commonwealth to Buckeye Ranch.

**YWCA Greater Cleveland’s Independence Place** is a program that targets 18-24 year old young adults who were formerly in foster care in Cuyahoga County. They offer fully furnished apartments, including a laundry room, and classes including GED, job readiness and independent living skills. Youth are required to have been homeless for one year, or have had 3-4 incidences of living in uninhabitable dwellings.