

Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Resources for Unaccompanied Youth in Western Massachusetts

1. Safety Zone (Center for Human Development)

Temporary shelter in “host home” model for homeless and runaway youth. Up to 21 day stay; able to place up to 3 youth per week.

Contact: 1-413-781-6556; 1-877-781-6556 (toll free)

246 Park Street

West Springfield, MA 01080

Eligibility Criteria:

- Ages 14 to 17
- Homeless and runaway youth
- Serves youth from Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin or Berkshire Counties

2. SHINE (Gandara Center)

Transitional housing with 8 co-ed beds; up to 2 year stay.

Contact: Outreach worker, 431-543-2460

364-366 Main St.

Indian Orchard, MA 01151

Eligibility Criteria:

- Ages 18-24
- Homeless
- Connection to Springfield (ideally currently residing but not required)
- Motivated to attend school and/or work

3. TeenLine Program (Dial/SELF Youth and Community Services)

Emergency teen warming center, not a full-time youth shelter; 4 beds

Contact: TeenLine 413-774-7054 x4

16 Miles Street, Greenfield, MA 01301

Eligibility Criteria:

- Ages 17 – under 21
- Youth who do not have involvement with other state systems
- Priority to youth from Franklin County/North Quabbin Region

4. **Step Program (Dial/SELF Youth and Community Services)**

Transitional Living program that offers housing, life skills training for independent living, goal setting, case management and small living stipend; 8 beds; up to 18 month stay

Contact: 413-774-7054 x 103

Turners Falls, MA

Eligibility Criteria:

- Youth/Young Adults who are homeless or at-risk for homelessness
- Ages 17 ½ to 21
- Youth do not have involvement with other state systems
- Priority to youth from Franklin County/North Quabbin Region

5. **Millbrook Scholars Program**

A comprehensive housing, academic tutoring and life-skills mentorship program to facilitate the completion of high school or community college; scholars live in a house supervised by a live-in residential director and other support staff and receive food, clothing and other misc. support; 4 beds.

Contact: 413-739-5626

44 Sherman Street

Springfield, MA 01109

Eligibility Criteria:

- 18 years and up
- Enrolled in Springfield Public Schools or local community college
- Must work part-time and contribute to living expenses while maintaining a savings account