



SIL Graduate Janell Lomax

Supervised and Young Adult Independent Living

Helping teens between the ages of 16 and 21 transition to life as independent adults is the goal of the CCSEM Supervised Independent Living program.

Many of these youths have been in the foster care system for years. Their permanency goal is not to return to their family's care. CCSEM works with these youths to obtain the life skills necessary to become independent.

Home providers are needed to help guide these youths towards self-sufficiency. A stable home will go a long way for a teen in need.

Minimal requirements are needed to be a home provider. Complete a background check, have adequate space in your home, time and patience to provide.

Young people ages between the ages of 18 to 21 have the option to graduate into the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care (YAVFC) program.

Through this program young adults continue to receive guidance on life skills for self-sufficiency and are supplied with household goods, small appliances and more to help them get started.

The benefit of the YAVFC youth program allows youths to extend their foster care stipend until the age of 21 years old. Continuing to allow youths oversight by a case manager for additional support, continued health care, counseling services and training in independent living skills.

For more information, call Krystal Smith at 248-552-0750 extension 3034 or at smithk@ccsem.org

"It's good to know somebody else knows what you are going through. You are not alone, even though sometimes you feel alone. It's just nice to have somebody going through it with you. Honestly, I was a troubled kid. I had a little bit of an attitude problem. When I first met (my caseworker) Kristie, it didn't feel like an interrogation. It felt like she cared. I still contact her if there is a problem. She has had my back for the longest time. She became like a mother and a big sister in a way. Somebody I can just bond with and who knows me. It feels good to have someone know, because when you meet people at certain stages of your life, they just see that part of your life. It feels good to have somebody who is not related to me who has seen me grow and become the woman I am today, because I came a long way."



SIL Graduate Yolanda Dinkins

"If I had to do this on my own, it would have taken me longer. I wouldn't have been as motivated. They (CCSEM) helped me with a lot of stuff, to get everything quicker and just by being there. (My caseworker) Kristie was great because she actually showed me she really cared, and she was there for me when nobody was. So basically, she was like my mom."