

# Homeless Not Helpless

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# Who am I?

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- Bernard Ball
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  - Youth Coordinator
  - Louisville Drop-in Center
  - Future Goals: Help the Louisville Drop become self-sustaining and one day work for the Children's Bureau in D.C.

# What is TAYLRD?

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- Transition Aged Youth Launching Realized Dreams
- Youth ages 16 to 25
- Peer Support Model
- Connecting individuals with behavioral/mental health services

# Why are we focusing on homelessness?

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- In Louisville, 80% of TAY\* coming to the center are identifying as homeless and having a behavioral health challenge

\*Transition Aged Youth

# Overview

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- Connecting TAY\* to
  - Housing and Food Resources
  - Physical and Mental Health Resources
  - Educational Resources
- How have these helped TAY improve their lives in the Louisville area?

\*Transition Aged Youth

# Housing & Food

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# Housing

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- Rapid Rehousing (18-24)
- Section 8 Housing
- Safe Place

# Food

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- Case Manager
  - Food Stamps
  - Dare to Care
- Cooking classes
- Hot meals
- Place to keep food

# Physical & Mental Health Care

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# First things first...Health Insurance

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- KYNECT
- Obtaining ID, birth certificate, social security card, etc.
- Other Health Coverage

# Physical Health

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- Living on the streets and exposed to the elements
- Center provides:
  - Toiletries
  - Basic hygiene supplies
  - Blankets in the winter
  - Etc.

# Emotional, Social, & Behavioral Health

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- This is the main focus of TAYLRD
- Onsite Therapist
  - Address Trauma and Grief
  - Groups (anger mgt., etc.)
- Peer Support
- Building a sense of community

# Education

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- Programs that provide a stipend for GED
- Job Corps.
- Tuition waiver eligibility
- Center provides:
  - A place to study
  - Tutoring
  - Homework help
  - Computer access

# Career Development

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- Vocational Rehab
- Supported Employment
- Career coaching

# Changes we see...

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Success stories

Questions?

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# Tips for Success

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High Quality Services