

Safer Spaces Housing Program

What is Safer Spaces?

Safer Spaces is an emergency transitional housing program for victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The program provides youth in crisis with a safer space to stay, for up to 3 months, so that they can stabilize and take the first steps to regaining their personal autonomy. For this clientele, the shelter or domestic violence systems may not feel safe or be appropriate to their unique needs.

Who is eligible?

The Safer Spaces Housing program is available to young people ages 18-29. Safer Spaces is open to young people who have experienced sexual exploitation and/or human trafficking and are exiting or identify as no longer engaged in the sex trade.

What does Safer Spaces offer clients?

The Safer Space Housing program is framed in a trauma-informed, client-driven, and a supportive & emergency housing framework. Arrangements for accessing the safe house can be made Monday to Friday within 24 hours following a referral to the program.

We offer youth:

- Emergency housing in an undisclosed secure location, for up to 3 months
- Food and basic needs
- Program coordinator offers case management
- 24/7 support available in person or by phone
- 1 on 1 peer support
- Safety protocols for the temporary housing
- Individual bedroom with lock, shared washroom, and emergency panic button

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