

# **Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska Transitional Living Program Maternity Group Home TLP Philosophy**

## **Philosophy**

The Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska youth development philosophy views the adolescent on a passage from dependency to independence and self-sufficiency as a young adult. The key theme in our youth development approach is that youth are viewed as an intricate part of community building and family strengthening. Through education and the building of trusting relationships with mentors and other caring adults, the youth will gradually increase the number of health lifestyle choices that they make.

## **Target Population**

The Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska Transitional Living Program (TLP) and Maternity Group Home TLP (MGHTLP) plans to provide a safe, stable environment for pregnant and parenting youth who are homeless due to lack of family ties, unsuccessful foster care, or a dysfunctional home environment. The TLP/MGHTLP program will provide long-term shelter for eligible youth (up to 21 months) and provide care and promote personal growth through education and independent living skills classes. The facility will be available for eligible individuals between the ages of 16 & 20 who have been identified as candidates for the TLP/MGHTLP program.

## **Program Objectives:**

This program is organized and structured to encourage each resident to live a healthy lifestyle, provide a safe and stable home and progress according to their own desires, abilities and interests. Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska TLP/MGHTLP home's provide an environment that focuses on basic daily living activities such as personal care, job attainment, education advancement, interaction with peers and adults in a wide variety of situations and a wide variety of parenting and health issues. Methods of interaction include re-direction conflict resolution training, social skills training, positive reinforcement and independent living skills. The following is a list of the objectives of the Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Home TLP.

- A. To understand the rights and responsibilities of parenthood.
- B. To teach self-discipline and personal responsibility.
- C. To find and develop interests and abilities.
- D. To create incentive and desired to succeed.
- E. To provide each resident with the opportunity to excel and a chance for leadership.
- F. To teach the value of hard work and strive for satisfaction through achievement in completing work.
- G. To learn how personal interests can develop into employment opportunities.
- H. To provide opportunity for enjoyment and fun to help balance the academic and employment responsibilities.
- I. To help a resident understand the value of an individual, their feelings, their belongings and their contributions.
- J. To help understand and reduce the feeling of self-pity, bitterness and resentment.
- K. To create a n atmosphere of pride, loyalty, comradeship, and cooperation.
- L. To develop an ability to budget and plan for Independent life.