

Our Mission



We facilitate learning, healing and wellness by ***restoring the connections*** that help children and families ***thrive***.

Supervised Independent Living Program (SIL)

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Main Objectives

The Supervised Independent Living (SIL) program, along with the Division of Milwaukee Child Welfare(DMCW), is a structured independent living environment for youth which provides an apartment for the youth and assistance with developing the skills needed to live on their own when they exit the child welfare system. The goal of the program is to help reduce homeless for youth who age out of foster care by giving them skills and tools to maintain their SIL apartment and live independently when their CHIPS order ends.



Mission and Vision

- **Mission:** To connect and support young adults in achieving self-sufficiency through effective communication, relationship building, and problem-solving skills to gain independence into adulthood.
- **Vision:** Reduce homelessness for youth aging out of foster care by increasing IL skills.

Why SIL?

There are times that a young person residing in out of home care is ready to begin developing their independence prior to their court order ending. These youth are eager to learn new skills, graduate, find employment, and live on their own. These youth have goals and aspirations for their future, and SIL can help them achieve these goals while providing a safe living environment to practice their independent living skills.

FAQ



Potential enrollees must be under the jurisdiction of a CHIPS order, a VTILA or a TPC order with at least 6-9 months left on their order.



Youth must be interested in engaging with SIL programming and services.



Youth can be referred at 16.75 years of age but cannot be placed until their 17th birthday.



The case manager must attend an intake appointment with the youth.



Youth will sign leases with community-based landlords with Wellpoint being the co-signer on the lease



When youth age out they must meet eligibility requirements to take over their leases. It's not a guarantee they get to keep the apartment.

Utilization

Current Enrollment = 35 participants

- 31 enrolled
- 23 placed
- 9 in first 60 day
- 4 intakes scheduled in August

Waitlist = 21 currently on list

- 10 are awaiting eligibility
- 4 intakes are scheduled in August
- 7 waiting to be scheduled when a spot becomes available

First 60 Days Pre-Placement

- Builds trust
- Empowers and encourages partnership in developing plans/goals
- Preparation for living on their own
- Purchase items for basic needs
- Apartment searches
- Collaboration with team
- Youth empowerment



Skill Building

Areas of skill building include daily living skills such as cleaning, cooking and laundry as well as personal advocacy, financial literacy, career planning, tenant rights and responsibilities, medical and mental health advocacy and developing healthy relationships. An IL Specialist will assist them through modeling, coaching and observing so that they can truly feel capable of living independently.

5 Pillars of Stability



EDUCATION



EMPLOYMENT



HOUSING



HEALTH CARE



CARE
CONNECTIONS

Service Offered

- Tiered curriculum
- Weekly contact or more as needed
- Goals and plans based on individual needs
- Connection to community supports
- Apartment with all bills paid
- Phone bill paid
- \$100.00 monthly allowance
- \$400.00 monthly in grocery and basic care needs
- Bus pass
- 24/7 connection to adult supports



Outcomes



71 youth served

18 Early Discharges
53 Successful Completion



Discharge Location

SIL Apartment= 16
Own Apartment= 6
Informal Support= 18
Community Program= 6
Unknown= 7



Average Time in Program

1.5 years

Affordable Housing

Transportation

**Healthy
Relationships/Caring
Connections**

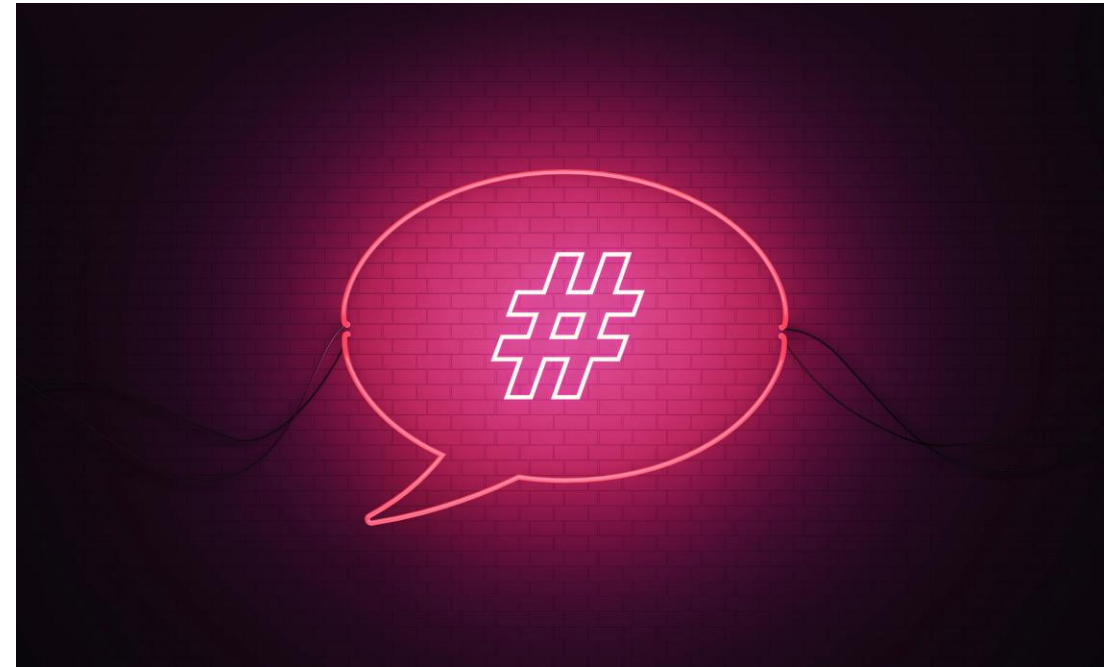
**Budgeting/Match
Program/Savings**

**Age and how CHIPS orders
end in Milwaukee CO**



Feedback from Participants

- This is a great program that gives you the opportunity to expand and experience adult hood
- Every staff that I have met during the duration of my time in this program has been helpful, kind, patient, and very considerate. I always feel as though I'm getting what I need and more. I'm really appreciative for this opportunity.
- Wellpoint had helped me since day one of my case I had to go through some tough challenges, and they were there every step of the way never once doubted me always pushed me to do better and move forward without you guys I genuinely would not be where I am at now thank you guys so much for everything.
- I am very thankful for you guys and all the help! I couldn't ask for anything more.



Thank you!



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