



The first Horizon House is located on the campus of RAMAR, 390 South Portage Path, Akron.

Horizon House offers housing to eight homeless young adults. These homes are located at two sites in Akron.

New residents are required to go through an application process which includes a written application and essay, interview and drug test. All applicants are reviewed by a housing committee at the Community Health Center according to Fair Housing Laws.



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Horizon House

a program of **Community Health Center**
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A two-year transitional program for young adults ages 18-22 in Summit County

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Summit County has approximately 20,000 citizens between the ages of 18-22. Of that population, over 300 go homeless every year. These young adults are also in need of intense supportive services and life skills development, however they are currently ineligible for government funded programming.

Technically, this population is considered to be adults; however, these more appropriately termed *older adolescents*, are not always capable of fully providing for themselves.

That is why the Community Health Center has designed this unique housing program; to reach out to this high-risk group during the transitional period between adolescence and adulthood.



Hope is on the Horizon

Many of these homeless young adults suffer from psychological, physical, emotional and social disorders in addition to possible substance abuse problems. Horizon House takes these factors into consideration. In order to integrate these young adults into society as productive members, we need to meet their basic needs.

The Horizon House Program includes:

- Behavioral health care
- Primary health care
- Meal assistance
- Mentoring/Case Management to help learn appropriate behaviors
- Goal setting strategies
- Vocational and educational needs
- Employment needs
- Life skills training
- Housing assistance (after program completion)

The goal of Horizon House is to challenge residents for the long term. We ask each resident where he/she wants to be in the future and we assist each resident as they set their own goals.

A Life Management Plan is then determined in order for the individual to proceed on the appropriate path and receive as much encouragement and advice necessary to execute his or her plan.



We have ONE main rule

To be eligible for residence, all applicants must be continuing their education and/or working.

There is no need to set a curfew; the work or school commitment creates an automatic curfew. If participants return to their old behavior, we help them understand the reasons behind their actions and to look at the consequences.



A Transition with a Future

By the time each graduating youth leaves Horizon House they will be able to support themselves. They will have improved their education and will have a real chance as a productive, contributing citizen and adult in our community.

All program graduates are encouraged to participate in aftercare and ongoing relapse prevention programming. Successful graduates are also encouraged to become mentors to entering homeless young adults.