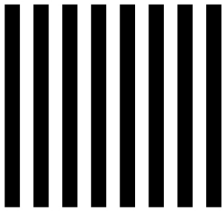


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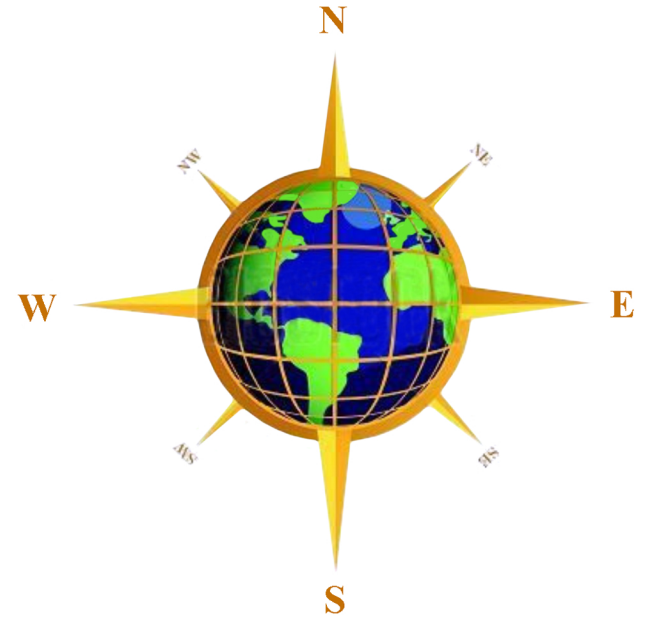
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Families."

The Launching Family  
Recruiter may be reached  
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# Launching Families



Navigating  
Transitional Aged  
Youth Towards  
Independence

## What is a "Launching Family?"

A Launching Family is a newly developed concept that identifies a resource to work with a youth in out of home care, typically between the ages of 18 and 20. An individual or family would provide a living space, as well as participate in any life skill development needs of the youth. The youth to whom a Launching Family is matched is expected to meet specific criteria; such as working and/or going to school full time.

The Harford County Department of Social Services will provide customized training to Launching Family resources.

## Why we need you?

Each year, a number of youth in Out of Home Care reach their twenty-first birthday and age out of the foster care system, whether they are ready for independence or not. Many have little to no support in their communities. National statistics report that one in five will end up homeless within the first few years of leaving care. These individuals need various community resources that serve as supports to carry them beyond their twenty-first birthday.



### You can Become a "Launching Family" if...

- You have a genuine interest in the well-being of 18-20 year old youth
- Are at least 21 years of age
- Are single or married
- Live in your own apartment or house
- Are able to meet your family's financial obligations
- Are willing to complete a customized training
- Can provide references
- Complete a Child Protective Service Clearance

Harford County Department of Social Services is recruiting

# Launching Families

The Launching Family Recruiter may be reached at 410-836-4940

\_\_\_ I am interested in becoming a "Launching Family" resource. Please contact me.

\_\_\_ I am interested in having someone come out and speak with my business/organization.

Name:

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Name of business or organization (if applicable):

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Address:

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