

## Help Wanted:

Mature, reliable, consistent adults to serve as “Launching Families” for youth aging out of foster care.



The Harford County Department of Social Services seeks individuals and families to provide a safe living environment, guidance, encouragement and non-judgmental support to youth who are preparing to exit foster care.

The position requires the following personal characteristics:

- Maturity;
- Selflessness;
- Understanding of adult development and the impact of trauma on decision-making;
- Experience in recovering and learning from mistakes and/or poor choices;
- Commitment to be there no matter what;
- Strong non-judgmental support system;
- Ability to tolerate delayed gratification;
- Understanding of the un-paralleled power of relationship in the life of a youth; and,
- Ability to give, give, give and give some more without expecting much in return;

The rewards of the position include:

- Opportunity to directly contribute to the prevention of homelessness and incarceration;
- Reward of a relationship with an awesome young person;
- Opportunity to contribute to ending the cycle of abuse;
- Opportunity to see the continued development of a young adult; and,
- Opportunity to truly make a difference!

HCDSS will provide:

- Training;
- Support;
- Information related to the strengths, needs, development of the youth;
- Referral to an attorney for tax and liability questions; and,
- Connection to Harford County Family Mediation program for developing the Lease Agreement and resolving conflicts.

Interested resources please call 410-836-4705.

**Launching Families:** Navigating Transitional Aged Youth Towards Independence