



Launching Families FAQs

1. What is the difference between regular foster parent resources and Launching Family Resources (LFR)?

Regular foster parents are responsible for all aspects of the day to day care of a Youth in out of home care placement while a LFR develops a tenant/landlord type of relationship. Since the Youth will be 18 years old or older the Youth is an adult and will be responsible for their day to day care. The LFR will provide a mentoring type of role in the Youth's life.

2. What is the process for matching the Youth and LFR?

An assessment of the Youth and LFR needs and expectations would be conducted in order to find an ideal match.

3. What are the expectations of the Youth and LFR?

The Youth is required to be working and or attending school as well as has demonstrated the ability to be successful in an apartment type setting. LFR will provide space within their home, develop a rental agreement, and provide mentoring support to the Youth tailored to their needs.

4. Do LFR attend training?

Yes. The LFR Coordinators will provide specialized training regarding the Youth's needs who would reside in the LFR home.

5. Do LFR get paid?

The Youth will be responsible for rental payments to the LFR. The terms of the lease will be finalized through the medication process.

6. Who is responsible for other expenses such as food and utilities?

The Youth is responsible for their expenses and will be negotiated during the medication and lease agreement process.

7. What is my liability as a LFR?

The Youth placed in the home is 18 years old or older therefore they are legally an adult and responsible for their own actions.

8. What support will the LFR receive from Harford County Department of Social Services?

The LFR would be supported by the LFR Coordinators as well as the Youth would continue to receive case management services.

9. What will the LFR do if there is a conflict between the Youth and LFR?

From the start of the process medication services are in place through Harford County Government to support the Youth and the LFR. This is a service that can be utilized at anytime to resolve conflict.

10. What if the LFR changes their mind?

Ideally through the Youth and LFR matching process all reservations would be addressed before a final placement would be made.