

The "Supporting Transitional Age Youth" (STAY) program is designed to bridge the gap that lies between our foster youth and successful adulthood. The STAY program focuses on helping NMD's in extended foster care with:

- 1 Housing / Furniture / Appliances
- 2 Employment Readiness / Educational Assistance
- 3 Transportation Assistance / Career Coaching
- 4 Financial Planning / Money Management
- 5 Life Skills Training / Grocery & Shopping Assistance
- 6 Medical / Mental Health Services

#### HAVEN OF HOPE

Helping one life at a time.

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#### **About Us**

Haven of Hope, Inc. was founded in 1998 by Davina Polanco, MS, CTRS. It is licensed to operate two Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) located in Santa Cruz County, serving foster youth in need of specialized support services.

The two STRTP homes are named Abeona and Halcyon. They are home-like environments where structure, support and learning can begin.

The decision to develop a Transitional Housing Placement for Non-Minor Dependent's (THP+NMD) program was a natural transition towards self-sufficiency for the young adults in our care and for other NMD's wishing to reside in Santa Cruz County.

Transitioning from adolescence to adulthood is a very challenging process for youth in foster care. Many youth emancipate from the foster care system with little to no preparation, family support or skills necessary for successful independence.

Haven of Hope has been providing this support for youth since 1998. We take pride in creatively tailoring individual programs for each of our clients, to assist all of them in transitioning successfully to adulthood.

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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM



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## Haven of Hope **Our STAY Program**



Haven of Hope's STAY program provides qualified youth an opportunity to receive up to 36 months of additional support in a safe living environment. Instead of cutting the safety net for youth emancipating from the child welfare system, Haven of Hope is offering young adults the opportunity

to STAY and acquire valuable life skills, in an environment that is flexible, supportive and caring.

These youth will no longer be living in a highly structured home, but will now face the challenge of true independence along with the realities of living on one's own, such as: financial responsibilities, accountability and employment demands.

### More support

The Supporting Transitional Age Youth (STAY) program allows Haven of Hope (HOH) to extend services for Non-Minor Dependents (NMD's), ages 18–21.

The STAY program offers the next step of freedom and self-sufficiency for the young adults Haven of Hope serves, in addition to

other NMD's who require such assistance.



## Living On Your Own Terms – HOH

Living on one's own for the very first time can be a scary endeavor for any young person.

Haven of Hope's STAY program (Supporting Transitional Age Youth) provides the freedom and flexibility for young adults to live life within the decisions they make.

Our participants will learn to take personal accountability for their decisions in a safe environment, knowing the Haven of Hope Team is only an arm's length away to provide guidance, support and advice, when needed.

## REMEMBER **OUR OWN GROWTH**

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If we reflect on our own growth during these initial years of freedom, many of us recognize that help was always within reach, thanks to our network of family and friends. In fact, we might have even taken it for granted. Unfortunately, many of these young adults don't have such a network of support or family and may just be beginning to build a circle of support that they will rely on for the rest of their lives. The STAY program nourishes this process and promotes success.

#### STAY PROGRAM - HOUSING

We are located near public transportation for easy access to colleges, community support services, medical services, grocery stores and a large shopping mall, allowing increased opportunities for employment. We are also less than a mile from the beach. Call us today.



**Transportation** 

Easy access to surrounding Santa Cruz destinations.



**University and Colleges** Higher education is available and an easy commute.



Santa Cruz Beaches Beautiful beaches of Santa Cruz are easily accessible.



Shopping Everyday shopping needs can be easily met.