



# Supportive Services: The MyPlace Program

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# History of ACTION-Housing

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- Non-profit formed in 1957 by Mayor David Lawrence and Richard King Mellon
- Mission: to empower people to build more secure and self-sufficient lives
- Focus on neighborhood housing issues
- Real Estate Development
  - Developed 4,500 units of housing since 1985
  - Currently own and operate 1,600 affordable apartments
- Supportive Services
  - Provide a variety of supportive services, weatherization, mortgage assistance, ERAP, etc.



# Homelessness and Young Adults

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- Partnership with Allegheny County Dept. of Health & Human Services: the Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF)
- Growing homeless population, particularly ages 18-24
- Connection between youth aging out of foster care and rates of homelessness in Allegheny County
- My Place Program created as a partnership between CYF and ACTION-Housing

# MyPlace Youth Program

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- Began in 2009 with 20 participants
- Initially a rapid re-housing program
- Foundation for Independence
  - 2 year program in partnership w/ CYF
  - “Meet each individual where they are”
  - Relationships and accountability
  - Create and maintain “Living Goal Plan”
  - Build skills for living self-sufficiently



# MyPlace Youth Program

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- Uptown Lofts opens in 2015
- 24 units for MyPlace Program
- “Maker’s Space” Community Room



# MyPlace Youth Programs

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- MyPlace has grown to include four programs:
  1. **Rapid re-housing**  
Stabilization Program for 18-24
  2. **Foundation for Independence**  
2-yr program
  3. **Permanent Supportive Housing**  
Physical & intellectual disabilities
  4. **Pathway to Independence**  
College students
- 900 participants since 2009
- Currently serves 239 young adults
- Alumni Program and drop-in center



# Thank you!

[www.actionhousing.org/our-services/myplace-youth-program/](http://www.actionhousing.org/our-services/myplace-youth-program/)

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