

Crossings

@ St. Jude's Ranch

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Who We Are

- St. Jude's Ranch for Children has been providing quality services to children, youth and families in Southern Nevada for over 40 years
- Committed to providing a continuum of services to those most in need in our community
- Proud to present Crossings-a supportive housing program

Our Partners

- This program was made possible through the support of:
 - US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - Support from Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition, Continuum of Care and Clark County and the Committee on Homelessness
 - Aligned with the Help Hope Home plan to end homelessness in Southern Nevada
- Our developer was Building Hope Nevada
- Construction was completed May 2012

Who We Serve

- 18-25 year olds who are homeless
- Young people who are in need of supportive housing
 - Who are willing to receive intensive case management
 - Who want to achieve self-sufficiency
 - Who want to work towards their goals
 - Who understand that Crossings will support their efforts

Overall Goals

Our goal for our residents:

- Achieve residential stability
- Increase their skill levels and/or income,
- Obtain greater self-determination (i.e., more influence over decisions that affect their lives).
- Graduate the program and exit to permanent housing

Crossings

- Program has 15 efficiency (studio style) apartments (one person per unit)
- The expected stay is from 9-13 months, max is 24 months
- Community clubhouse area to encourage and foster healthy relationships and sense of community

Community Space



Community Space



Crossings Program

- Each resident will enter into a case management agreement that will include an individualized self-sufficiency plan created to focus on independent skill development.
- SJR Crossings program will partner with many community services to meet the needs of residents

Crossings Program

- Residents will be required to:
 - Sign a lease
 - To pay rent (if/when they have income)
 - Create a monthly budget
 - Demonstrate they are being productive in the community to include obtaining employment & furthering their education
 - Participate in life skills training
 - Follow program expectations and guidelines

Current Status

- We began accepting referrals July 2, 2012
- Our referrals are coming from community partners
- We have conducted over 30 interviews for the 15 beds
- To date we have 5 residents living at Crossings
- We have 8 pending residents going through the intake process

Program Outcomes

Intended program outcomes for young adults as a result of this program are the following:

- Increased access to safe secure housing
- Improved health and wellness of residents due to case management and being linked to services within the community
- Improved access to educational services and remedial supports to earn a degree or vocational skills

Program Outcomes

- Improved independent living skills that will better enable clients to become self-sufficient
- Improved job skills and readiness due to increased access to training and supports
- Increased income and earnings
- Increased successful transitions to permanent, stable housing
- Increased ability to advocate for themselves and access mainstream services
- Increased confidence and problem solving skills

How To Help

- Crossings is always accepting the following:
 - Donations to include personal hygiene, house wares, gently used clothing and dry foods.
 - Volunteers
 - Support from community programs that will assist our residents with jobs, skills and meeting their overall needs

Contact Information

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**Thank you for your
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