

COCOON HOUSE'S HOST HOME PROGRAM FAQ

What is a Host Home?

Cocoon House's Host Home Program will be a short-term housing option for youth experiencing homelessness for any variety of reasons, including but not limited to family conflict, eviction, poverty, gender identity or sexual orientation. The goal of a host home is to provide a safe, temporary, and welcoming space where a young person has the support needed to repair family relationships or make decisions about other housing options.

How Does a Young Person Qualify?

Participants in the program must:

- Be between 12 – 17 years old.
- Be homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Live in Snohomish County.
- Be willing to work with a case manager.
- Have goals around housing, employment, education and life skill development.

Who is a Host Home?

Hosts Homes are families and individuals from the community who want to help make a difference in a young person's life by opening up a space in their home. Host Homes not only provide a room in their home for a young person, but play a vital role in creating the safe and stable environment needed for a young person to reengage in school, reunify with their family when possible, and help create a healthy support system. It is the responsibility of the host home to provide food, basic necessities, and transportation as needed to the young person staying with them.

Are Host Homes the same as Foster Homes?

No. Youth that stay in host homes are not part of the child welfare system. They are experiencing housing instability and homelessness due to a variety of other reasons.

Are Host Homes Paid?

Host families are not generally compensated monthly, however a stipend may be available if a host home needs support offsetting the cost of groceries, utilities, basic needs, etc.

How Long Can a Young Person Stay with a Host Home?

A youth can stay up to 21 days in a host home. During that time they will work with their case manager and our family engagement team to evaluate reunification and look into long-term options if needed.



What if there is an emergency at a Host Home?

Host Homes and the youth in them are never more than a phone call away from support. We have a dedicated staff member who is able to respond 24/7 in the event that the hosts or young person needs immediate help.

Does a Host Home Have to go Through Training?

Yes. Host Homes go through an application process that includes registering with the state for a background check, reference checks and 12+ hours of training and support.

How Many Youth Will be Served at Any Given Time?

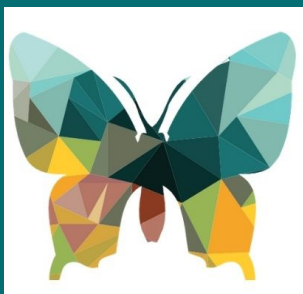
The Host Home Program will provide short term stays for up to 8 youth at this time but has the potential to serve more if the need increases.

Is this Program Fully Funded?

Cocoon House receives a variety of funding for our Central location, some of which will continue supporting these eight beds. We will look for specific Host Home funding as needs arise.

Is the Cocoon House Central Location Going Away?

This site will be home to the Host Home team as well as being a resource center for families of teens to receive support and family engagement services.



How Does Someone Become a Host Home?

For questions or to apply to be a Cocoon House Host Home, please contact:

hosthomes@cocoonhouse.org or 425-737-5419.