

WHAT DO YOUTH NEED FROM G-CAS AND YOUTH SERVICES TO HELP THEM LIVE ON THEIR OWN?



YOUTH SAID...

WHAT'S MISSING?

Youth don't know how to live on their own...no one has really taught them how.

It's hard to find somewhere to live...places cost too much and landlords don't want to rent to them.

Sometimes it's hard to stay in school or get a job...especially when you're on your own.

WHAT'S NEEDED?

Youth need programs...to learn cooking, cleaning, budgeting, grocery shopping, time management.

Youth need help...to find apartments, to get furniture, to talk to landlords.

Youth need support...to get into school, to write resumes, to search for jobs.

WHAT DO YOUTH RECOMMEND?

We need...to know where to go for help.

We need...more shelter spaces, better food banks, a drop-in centre.

We need...start-up money and things for our apartments.

We need...allowances for bus passes and pet care.

In 2008, the Homelessness Partnership Initiative provided funding to look at ways that the child welfare and street-involved youth services sectors could work together. We started by talking to youth about what they need from the two sectors. This is a youth friendly version of what they told us.