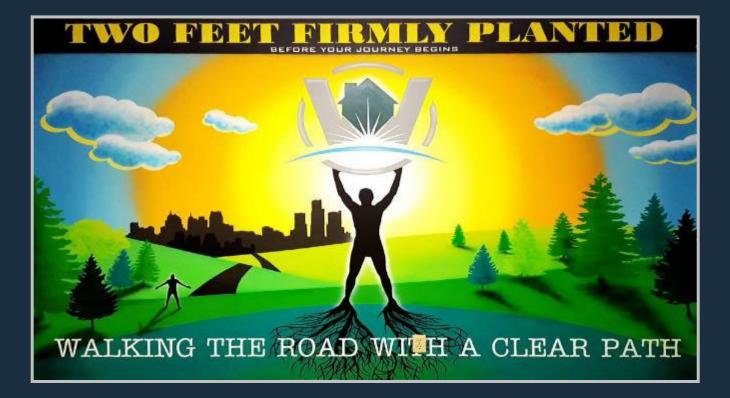


#### WINDSOR RESIDENCE FOR YOUNG MEN



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# Agenda

- Background and brief history
- Introduction to WRYM programming
- The Youth Independence Program
- Establishing a life skills program 101
- Q & A



#### The Windsor Residence for Young Men (WRYM)

- Transitional Housing: 10 beds
- Semi Independent unit: 2 Beds
- Aftercare / Outreach: 80-100 youth
- Youth Independence Program: 40 students



WRYM Founder Greg Goulin

## Transitional Housing

- Self-identified male youth between the ages 16 to 24
- 5,600 sq. ft. facility
- 90% housed rate upon discharge (past 3 year average)
- Semi-independent living available



Collaborative Service Approach

### Aftercare and Outreach

- Housing acquisition / retention
- Advocacy and mediation
- Case management and referrals
- General support and advice



WRYM past residents at work

# Youth Independence Program (YIP)

- 90 day life skill curriculum
- Qualifies for a high school credit
- Rolling admissions for new students
- Homelessness prevention through self-reliance



YIP lesson being taught

#### YIP Intended Outcomes

1. Prevent homelessness through increased self-reliance

2. Increase awareness of appropriate services and community supports

**3.** Increase school engagement and stabilization for further education



WRYM residents volunteering

#### A Collaborative Approach

- Currently offered in Windsor, Leamington, and St. Thomas Elgin, ON
- School change not required
- Guest speakers
- Community reintegration



**YIP Collaborators** 

#### Life Skill Curriculum Building 101

- Know your purpose / audience
- Align with education requirements
- Collaborate early and often
- Leverage student placements
- Continuity across lesson plans
- Take your time



#### YOUTH INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

In Partnership with the Greater Essex County District School Board and Public Alternative Secondary School



"We help youth to overcome homelessness and build new lives."

#### Life Skill Lesson Building 101

Introduce subject
Test pre-existing knowledge
Teach sourced information
Provide peer discussion opportunities
Reinforcement activity
Conclusion



# ANY DUESTIONS?

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