

Family & Children's

SERVICE OF ITHACA

*Where to turn...*

# Open Doors



## **Become a Volunteer Host Home Family!**

If you feel that you might be able to open your home to a youth in crisis on a short-term, voluntary basis, **please call us!**

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# What is Open Doors?

Our Open Doors program provides services to youth (up to age 21) who have run away or are at-risk of running away. Open Doors offers counseling, safety planning and family meetings with a goal of keeping a family together.

Host Homes support the program's mission of family reunification by giving families in crisis a "break" from that conflict.

Family and Children's Service is currently looking for willing individuals to provide Host Homes for youth. Temporarily opening your home to youth will provide them with a sense of security and safety in a time of instability.

## What are the responsibilities of a Host Home?

- Provide a safe and temporary home for youth who have run away or are homeless; can be for one night or up to 30 days
- Provide a bed and private storage space for youth's belongings
- Include youth in family activities
- Implement reasonable boundaries for the home
- Attend trainings and support the youth to reunite with their family

## I think I can help. What do I do next?

Call or email us. We'll set up a time to meet to answer your questions.

**Thank you!**