



The Independence Inn program provides shelter and support for homeless and runaway youth to help them become self-sufficient.

Independence Inn

Helping Homeless and Runaway Youth Achieve Self-Sufficiency

Independence Inn Offers

- Shelter, food and emergency clothing
- 24-hour staff supervision year-round
- A caring, highly-trained staff
- Case management and independent living skills services
- Educational and vocational services
- Parenting services
- Support systems

What is Independence Inn?

Independence Inn is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day serving youth 16-20 years old. The Inn helps residents acquire life skills needed for independent living; career skills that will sustain independent and productive lives; and education that will support career goals.

Our program establishes schedules and routines that teach responsibility and order — promoting good habits.

The youth that come to the Inn are dealing with a variety of personal and family issues. The Inn provides comprehensive assessment and service planning to successfully transition the young people served to a stable, self-sustaining living situation upon completion of the program.

Brooklyn Drop-In Center

The Brooklyn Drop-In Center helps youth and their families face a wide range of challenges. If you need to talk or if you need a safe place, call us.

877.437.6746

“Independence Inn helped me better myself... and find confidence in myself.”

— Tanesha, Former Inn Resident

Extraordinary reach. Unconditional care. Life-changing results.



The Referral Process

Priority will be given to youth who are referred to the Independence Inn Program through a Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) crisis shelter.



Our Services

- Housing assistance and referrals to permanent housing prior to discharge
- Educational services, including basic skills testing and proficiency exams
- Long-term counseling for individuals and groups
- Independent living and life skills training
- Employment skills training
- Employment preparation and training
- Medical, mental health, and dental care
- HIV testing and education
- Legal assistance
- Recreational activities
- Substance abuse education and prevention
- Violence intervention and prevention education
- Parenting skills training
- Entitlement services
- Transportation to off-site programs and services

“The people at the Inn really care...”

— *Carlos, Former Inn Resident*

Contact Us:

If you or someone you know is a homeless or runaway youth, please call us.

718.827.8465 or 877.437.6746

Independence Inn I (young men)

Brooklyn

Independence Inn II (young women and young mothers with children)

Brooklyn

Independence Inn III (young mothers with children)

Brooklyn

Independence Inn IV (young women and young mothers with children)

Queens

SCO Family of Services

SCO Family of Services helps vulnerable New Yorkers build a strong foundation for the future. We get young children off to a good start, launch youth into adulthood, stabilize and strengthen families and unlock potential for children and adults with special needs. We enable New Yorkers to meet life's challenges with support, care and acceptance. SCO has played a vital role delivering human services in communities throughout New York City and Long Island for more than 100 years.

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