

# Making the Best of Your ROPAL Services

- Employment is not required for access of services but is encouraged to achieve financial stability as ROPAL only provides temporary financial support.
- Partner with your Case Manager to access community resources.
- Partner with your Case Manager to access educational resources, employment and job training to meet long term stability goals.
- Your determination to be self sufficient will aid in your success which will make the best of your ROPAL services.

**You are the key to  
your success in the  
program!**

**Eliminating barriers and  
creating a path to housing;  
one KEY at a time**



## THE ROPAL PROGRAM



***BUSTING THE MYTHS***

# What is ROPAL?

So...What Is ROPAL? ROPAL stands for Rights of Passage Apartment Living. This is a roommate based, time-limited Transitional Housing program that helps young adults 18-24 experiencing homelessness transition to housing of their own.

*As a participant in the ROPAL program here is what you can expect:*

**Case Management:** A case manager will work with you to ensure you are connected to all the needed supports and resources for successfully completing the program.

**Financial Literacy Education:** In this program you will learn the skills necessary in effectively managing money.

**Temporary Rental & Utility Assistance:** ROPAL offers youth up to two years of independent living in a furnished apartment with supportive case management.

**Roles & Responsibilities:** There is no Case Manager that can have all the answers so it is important to work together to solve problems so that the best services possible can be provided. It is expected during your time in ROPAL the assigned roles and responsibilities will be followed by you and your Case Manager.

# Myth vs. Facts

**Myth:** ROPAL is the golden ticket! You don't have to work once housed and your rent will be paid.

**Fact:** Although employment is not a requirement to access ROPAL Services, youths who enter the program must be able to maintain employment and pay 30% of gross income toward rent.

**Myth:** In the ROPAL you can expect your rent and utility to continue to be paid in full.

**Fact:** You will be expected to pay a portion of your rent while in the ROPAL program. During your time in the program you will split utility and common bills with roommates.

**Myth:** ROPAL is the end all, be all of rental assistance programs.

**Fact:** ROPAL does not end poverty or the challenges that may have led to homelessness. Once people are housed they are in better position to be able to address their challenges.

**Myth:** Communication with a case manager is not required

**Fact:** In the ROPAL program you are expected to meet with your case manager at least once per month

**Myth:** There aren't any rules in the ROPAL program

**Fact:** Your case manager will go over their responsibilities and yours as well/ It is also required to follow the rules written in your lease agreement.

**Myth:** ROPAL only helps people who are addicted to drugs or alcohol

**Fact:** Coordinated Entry System (CES) prioritizes the most vulnerable high need/barrier participants for services. ROPAL does not discriminate nor is it a cookie cutter intervention.

**Myth:** Once I am housed, I can move my friends and family in at my discretion

**Fact:** If you come across a friend/family member in need, consult with your case manager so a plan can be coordinated without compromising your housing.

**Myth:** Once enrolled into the ROPAL program you do not need to qualify for a rental unit

**Fact:** Just like any other rental unit an application is required. This means you are entering into a legal binding contract between you and the landlord where you qualify based on criminal, eviction and credit history .