About Us

**New Avenues for Youth** aims to work in partnership with our community to prevent youth homelessness and provide young people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness the resources and skills needed to lead healthy, productive lives.

**Bridge Meadows** develops and sustains intergenerational neighborhoods for adoptive families of youth formerly in foster care that promote permanency, community and caring relationships while offering safety and meaningful purpose in the daily lives of older adults.

Program Description

New Meadows at the Dorothy Lemelson House is a life skills building housing program designed to help young people – those who are ages 17-25 and aging out of foster care – launch into adulthood. This program is a collaboration between New Avenues for Youth and Bridge Meadows, and is meant to foster long-term connectivity and relationship between elders and families living in Bridge Meadows and youth living at New Meadows. Since New Meadow’s goal is for youth to increase their self-sufficiency, each participant will pay a sliding scale program fee, which will be adjusted as youth become financially stable.

Units

New Meadows has fourteen total apartments, four one-bedroom units for single occupancy parenting youth, and ten single occupancy studios for non-parenting youth. Each apartment has its own kitchen and bathroom, and the apartment complex has additional shared space (community kitchen/dining, laundry, essentials pantry, TV lounge, child play area), which can be used by all who live in the Dorothy Lemelson House.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be able to live in an unsupervised environment.
- Age: focused on young people 18-20 years with some flexibility to serve youth ages 17-25.
- Focused on DHS Independent Living Program (ILP)-eligible youth, some exceptions can be made based on circumstance.
- Current and former foster youth (care/custody, voluntary).
- Must attend orientation and one community event to ensure youth understands the environment.
- Willing and able to maintain 36 productive hours (volunteer, school, education, etc.).
- 30% average median income (AMI)
- Income for one young person entering the program must lower than $1,425 monthly (or $17,100 annually).
- Income for one young person and child entering the program must be lower than $1,629 (or $19,560 annually).
- Willing to participate in intergenerational connectivity with Bridge Meadows community.
- Parenting youth:
  - Must be parenting or pregnant (third trimester or later).

**Do You Qualify?**

- If you meet all of the eligibility criteria, please fill out the [Interested Parties Form](#).
- If you do not meet all of the criteria, please fill out the [Housing Interest Form](#). This form will help New Avenues connect you to various other services that we provide.

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