



## ABOUT

Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP) provides housing and access to safety, stability, and support for young adults in the foster care system aged 18-21 years old.

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## MISSION

Committed to working together to protect, to give hope, and to enrich the lives of every child and family we serve.

## ABOUT GATEWAY LONGVIEW

Gateway Longview is a non-profit human services organization established in 1890 that provides comprehensive programs focused on behavioral health, community-based services, residential treatment, and special education programs to more than 5,000 children and families annually throughout Western New York. Driven by core values of Integrity, Safety, Empowerment, Diversity and Collaboration through a trauma-informed lens to care, Gateway Longview is committed to build upon individual strengths, creating partnerships that foster hope for the future.

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# Supervised Independent Living Program

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## WHAT TO EXPECT

- There are daily apartment checks to ensure health and safety.
- You must spend every night in your apartment unless otherwise arranged with staff.
- It is your responsibility to keep your apartment clean.
- There is no tolerance for bullying, harassing, threatening, or otherwise inappropriate behavior.
- You must be either enrolled and attending school or working while enrolled in the SILP program.
- You must meet with your social worker at least once per week and your Life Skills Coach at least twice per month.
- Overnight guests are strictly prohibited.

## FAQs

Do I have to furnish my apartment?

No! We provide each apartment with a couch, TV, dining set, bed, dresser, appliances & kitchen equipment!

Will I have to go to a laundromat?

No! We have laundry in the building that you will be given a stipend for.

How will I afford food & basic necessities?

You will be allotted a stipend for food & other staples that you will work with your team to budget for the month!

Do I have my own room?

You may share an apartment, but you & your roommate have separate bedrooms.

What about a phone?

We provide you with 1 phone and plan.

What's the catch?

The expectation is simple. You have to have your high school diploma or GED or be working towards it. If you choose to go on to college, that's great! Otherwise, you must be employed. Other than that, you must respect the rules and the other people in SILP.

What happens when I turn 21?

While in the program, you will work with your team to obtain a community apartment which Gateway will help to pay for until your 21st birthday, at which time you will be responsible for all of your bills. The goal is for you to be able to pay your bills and still have extra money to do the things you enjoy!

## WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT SUPERVISED LIVING

- Each individual is provided with an apartment at our SILP building and may have a roommate.
- Each individual will be assigned a social worker and a life skills coach to aid in working towards community independence.
- The SILP team will assist with many things including enrollment in school, job readiness, budgeting, linkage to services, and securing a community apartment.
- It is important to us that individuals have connections to family, friends, and their community. The SILP team is dedicated to youth leaving the program with more support than they started with.

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