APPLYING TO AND OBTAINING SUPPORTIVE PERMANENT HOUSING: HARLEM DOWLING

HARLEM DOWLING IS A NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHILDREN’S VILLAGE AND HARLEM DOWLING.

This 60 unit building in central Harlem has 12 studio apartments dedicated to youth aging out of foster care.

HARLEM DOWLING: POINTS TO CONSIDER

**BENEFITS:**
- Youth do not need to leave by age 26
- Units are single occupancy
- Building is in an accessible part of the city
- Building is newly constructed and has amenities such as laundry room, roof terrace, and medical clinic on site

**CONS/CONSIDERATIONS:**
- Only 12 of the 60 units are available to youth aging out of foster care
- Vacancies are not available frequently
- Youth must be employed or in school

ELIGIBILITY

- 18-25 years old at time of application
- Former foster care or DYCD placement
- Currently enrolled in school and/or employed
- At risk of homelessness
- Able and prepared to pay a minimum of $167/month (amount based on income)
- Able to pass criminal background check and credit check

APPLYING

**REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS INCLUDE:**
- Life Bridges Housing Application
- Criminal background check
  Coach/Housing Specialist must run a criminal background check and attach to application
- Credit check
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**TIMELINE:**
- Coach/Housing Specialist run credit check and criminal background check to assess program eligibility
- Submit Completed Application
  Send application, criminal background check, and credit check to: Vincent Madera: Vmadera@childrensvillage.org
- Follow up with Children's Village & Harlem Dowling Program to check for upcoming vacancies

TIPS FOR HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE APPLY TO HARLEM DOWLING:
- Coach should work with youth prior to application to ensure youth is building and maintaining positive credit
- Coach should develop a relationship with Vincent Madera from Children's Village and check in to be notified of potential upcoming vacancies