Safe Space at YARN

Safe Space is a program for LGBTQ youth focused on offering services, amenities, and a connection to the community. The new program is located at The Home’s Young Adult Resource Network (YARN) which provides a safe place for all young adults with a primary focus on youth transitioning out of state systems of care.

How We Can Help

YARN is a wraparound support program that meets young adults “where they are” and aims to provide skills development that will allow them to live independently in their community. Safe Space creates a judgment free environment at YARN for young adults to celebrate their gender and sexuality however they self-identify. Some of the resources offered at the drop-in center include:

• Computer lab for homework and job-related activities
• Laundry, kitchen, shower and gym facilities
• Skill building workshops
• Music studio
• Yoga studio

Services Offered

Safe Space and YARN offer an array of services to empower and engage young adults including:

Peer Mentors work with youth by creating a relationship based on their shared experiences. Their purpose is to help youth identify their own skills, supports, and resources in their community.

Life Coaches are assigned to each young person and provide strength-based and youth-focused services. They focus on setting manageable goals for youth and empowering them to make decisions which promote their safety, well-being, and productive place in their community.

Suicide Prevention services are incorporated throughout the entire program.

The Home’s goal is to engage young adults in leadership development, community engagement, and network building. This is done through intern and external workshops, discussions, events, and advocacy opportunities.

Hours

Safe Space and YARN are open Monday – Friday between the hours of 11 A.M – 7 P.M.,* and on additional nights and weekends for activity nights and special group meetings.

*Times subject to change

Location and Contact Information

Safe Space is part of the YARN Program located at 88-98 Nightingale St., Dorchester, MA 02124.

For more information call 617-287-0160.