



SHINE is a program within the Prevention and Community Services Division at Gándara Center. Other Prevention and Community Services Division programs include Adolescent Sexual Health/Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Supportive Housing Case Management Services, and a Drug Free Communities Coalition.

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SHINE PROGRAM

*Prevention, Outreach,
Short-Term Housing, and
Rapid Re-Housing for Homeless
Young Adults, ages 18-24*

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

+ HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES

Gándara Center's SHINE program offers three types of integrated services for Young Adults age 18-24.

Outreach & Stabilization

Young Adults may self-refer, be referred by a family member, friend, school or agency, or identified through outreach to shelters and meal programs. SHINE staff typically provide same-day phone assessment and set up an appointment to meet the youth. Staff assess needs and interests, provide referrals to community resources, develop a safety plan with the youth, and begin an individual planning process based on their interest in engaging.

Options include:

- Prevention/mediation
- Reunification with family/previous living situation
- Short-term flexible funds to maintain their current housing situation
- Referrals to Short-Term Housing or Rapid Re-Housing.

Organization Outreach

SHINE staff provide training to other organizations with front-line access to at-risk or homeless young adults on the use of the Springfield CoC universal assessment tool - TAY ViSPDT, and ensure that staff are familiar with the ranges of emergency and short- long-term options to help youth increase their health, housing and economic stability.

Brighter Futures Overnight Housing

Shared overnight housing for five to six young adults in a 3-bedroom house. The program is open seven days a week, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. This is a voluntary program that provides young adults with safety, support, and skill development opportunities as they develop and complete individualized self-sufficiency plans, such as:

- Re-engaging in their education
- Establishing a housing/resumé/ history
- Overcoming CORI issues
- Establishing/maintaining an income
- Self-care practices
- Sustainable community connections
- Identifying appropriate, affordable housing options



Rapid Re-Housing

Participants live in a structured milieu that reinforces a culture of recovery and well-being, self-help skills, and activities that promote self-esteem, coping skills, leadership skills, and social connections with family, peers and community supports. Treatment addresses drug/alcohol use and associated problems, along with challenges and obstacles that prevent young people from living successfully in the community.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for Gándara Center's SHINE program call: **413-654-1554**

You will be connected by a member of the SHINE team. Application will begin with a telephone screening within 48 hours to determine the type of need. Staff will schedule a face-to-face meeting at a convenient location for a YA assessment that will determine service needs and interests. Individuals may immediately begin working with a Housing Specialist as they develop a short and long-term safety and housing plan or to begin services to enhance readiness, skills, and support connections.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be between the ages of 18 - 24
- Some RRH slots require participants to meet the HUD homeless eligibility requirement
- Overnight Housing & RRH participants are expected to develop short- and long-term goals that promote health, housing and economic stability including exploring school, training, and employment interests.



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