Jonathan's Path
SUPPORTING TEENS IN FOSTER CARE

> **" Kids need parents who love them and support them unconditionally, full stop.**
>
> – Henry Rollins

What We Do:

We give Middle Tennessee youths in foster care a new path—with a place to call home and a chance to dream. Teens in foster care are confronted with a tragic lack of stability. Jonathan's Path provides consistency for teens in foster care by providing housing, support, direction and love. No paths are the same, but the love, stability, and support from Jonathan's Path will be constant for every youth.

How We Are Different:

We are the only organization that offers stable placement and full wrap-around services from the moment a youth enters foster care all the way through young adulthood. Through this process we reduce the current burden on the DCS placement team and overwhelmed social workers across Middle Tennessee.

Get Involved! How You Can Help:

Getting involved is life changing! Help us reduce trauma teens face living in and aging out of foster care.

Visit our website at **JonathansPath.org** for career, volunteer and immediate needs!

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We offer three approaches to solve the immediate and long-term needs for teens currently in and aging out of foster care.

1
Immediate Placement
Removing the trauma while waiting for permanent placement.

2
Group Living
Long-term placement due to a shortage of foster homes willing to accept teens.

3
Independent Living
Wrap around support, housing placement, professional leadership and family support foundation.
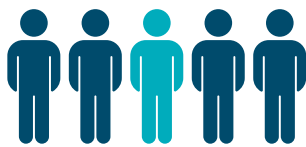

Challenges:

Instability and inconsistency impacts both youth and social workers. Without our help, the trauma of these unstable environments have been shown to have a negative impact on youths for the rest of their lives. Multiple placements have also been found to lead to delayed permanency outcomes, academic difficulties, and struggles to develop meaningful attachments.
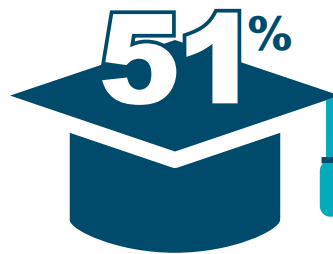
TENNESSEE ranks as the **WORST** state for permanent placement.

Teens are the hardest age group to place in foster homes.

1 in 5 will become homeless the day they age out of foster care.

51% of foster youth graduate high school.

There are 9,000 youth's in Tennessee foster care and less than 5,000 open foster homes.