

Service Providers

We Work With:

- ADAPT
- Halton Catholic School Board
- Halton District School Board
- Halton Multicultural Council
- Halton Organization for Pride and Education (HOPE)
- Halton Regional Public Health Department
- Halton Youth Justice Services
- Links2Care
- Nelson Youth Centres
- Out Kids Network
- P.O.S.S.E.
- ROCK, Reach Out Centre for Kids
- Salvation Army Lighthouse Shelter
- And more

Contact Information

Please contact a Transitional Youth Worker for more information or to make a referral

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Outreach Services
for Halton's
Homeless Youth

Bridging the Gap is funded
by the Region of Halton

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Do you know a youth in Halton who
needs help with housing?

We Can Help



Outreach Services

Bridging the Gap is a voluntary program where youth are encouraged to make informed decisions for themselves

We help youth ages 16-24 access:

- Emergency, Supportive and Independent Housing
- Financial Assistance
- Food and Basic Needs
- Alternative Education
- Employment Options

Homelessness includes:

- Couch surfing
- Camping out
- Nowhere to go that night
- Kicked out

Referrals are made by phone or email and are welcomed from community professionals as well as youth themselves.

Intake appointments are arranged in a community location the youth can get to easily.

Host Home Program

A home-based alternative to emergency shelters located in each major community of Halton (Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and Acton)

- Youth approved for the Host Home program can stay up to six months and receive a private sleeping area with access to a shower, laundry facilities and meals. They must abide by curfews and house rules set by the host provider.
- Youth are pre-screened for current addiction or mental health crisis and will be referred to more appropriate shelter programs if needed.
- The goal of the Host Home program is to assist youth in achieving their personal goals while maintaining a connection to their community.

Transitional Housing

Bridge House: Burlington and Milton

- Application and interview process to determine ability to live cooperatively with peers under minimal supervision.
- Youth are responsible for paying \$350 per month rent, which includes utilities, cable, internet and furnishings; rent may be paid from Ontario Works or employment earnings.
- Residents **MUST** be involved in a 30-hour per week participation plan, which can be a combination of school, work, volunteering and/or counseling.
- A great opportunity to develop life and interpersonal skills in a safe, affordable environment.
- Residents can live at Bridge House for up to 24 months (two years!) to allow them to fully prepare for independent living.