Transitional Living: Program Description
The Transitional Living program serves youth from ages 17 1/2 - 25 years that are forced into adulthood due to abandonment, domestic violence, abuse, or mental health issues. All clients are voluntary participants and must display an ability to learn various skills that are necessary to attain independence. Program participation lasts from 6 months to 18 months. The first goal of this program is to stabilize the clients’ housing needs. Short-term emergency placement is available if needed. Our client’s basic skills (budgeting, cooking, cleaning, hygiene, accessing community resources, etc.) are assessed and further developed to insure independence. Clients are aided in obtaining all adult documentation, such as state ID, social security card, and birth certificate. Transitional Living case managers and mentors work with the youth to set, monitor and reach educational goals. We also link our clients to all appropriate community resources and agencies. CSP and mentors assist our clients in identifying permanent and appropriate housing available in Toledo community. Prior to case closure, clients are monitored for a three-month period to assure their stability in home, work, and school. At that time they are linked to Adult Services.

Our program collaborates with local housing programs to help identify permanent safe affordable housing within the community. We work very closely with our local community colleges as well as universities to ensure access to our clients if they desire to further their education. We keep in constant contact with our local shelters to ensure that the most in need are having access to our services, and ensuring they receive wrap around services that will ensure they succeed.

Operational Resources
Our program is staffed by a supervisor, 7 community support specialist and 1 community/benefits specialist.

Financial Resources
All services are billed through the Macsis system. We are in the process of identifying grants that will allow us to possibly expand our services delivery to more county residents.