

Title: Length of Stay
Issued By: Rights of Passage
Applies To: Program Services

I. POLICY

The length of stay at the Rights of Passage (ROP) is limited to the time that youth are participating and complying with program requirements.

II. OVERVIEW

The ROP program is structured to enable youth to complete the requirements in one (1) year. When youth demonstrates continued engagement in the program and consistent fulfilment of goals, the length of stay may be extended until their 25th birthday.

Completion of goals needed for independent living is an indication of readiness to transition out of the ROP program.

III. PURPOSE

To provide youth with sufficient time to benefit from the supportive transition living program and prepare them for independence.

IV. PROCEDURE

Unless specified otherwise, Youth Workers are responsible for the following tasks –

- A. Guide youth into actively engaging in the standard program requirements and their individualized case plan;
- B. If there is an extended period in which the youth is non-compliant with program guidelines and/or disengaged from efforts that will lead to positive change –
 1. The Key Youth Worker and assigned Case Manager (CM) must discuss with the youth what changes are required and what supports can be offered; and
 2. If appropriate, establish a supportive move-out plan.
- C. If the youth expresses clear and persistent unwillingness to continue to work within program guidelines and toward program goals, set an expeditious move-out date.
 1. Unless the youth's behaviour is significantly disruptive to co-residents, provide youth with sufficient time to secure stable housing.

D. Once the youth achieved the objectives outlined in their case plan, discuss a move-out plan –

1. Take into account the time needed to practice and ingrain changes made.