



PROJECT PLACE BETTY'S PLACE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

What is Project Place?

Our mission is to provide a supportive community that promotes hope and opportunity for homeless and low-income individuals by providing the skills, education, and resources needed to obtain stable employment and housing. We offer paid transitional employment opportunities, life/career skills training, educational support, case management, computer instruction, and career services. We also have two housing programs, GateHouse and Betty's.

What is the program like? How many rooms are available?

Betty's Place is for homeless women who are often leaving behind a life of abuse, addiction and chaos. We have 15 rooms in the YWCA's Berkeley Street location. Each resident is provided with a room of her own in safe and clean environment, two meals a day and access to all Project Place programming. The average length of stay is six months. Each unit is furnished with a bed and nightstand, as well as phone and cable hook ups. There are shared bathroom and common areas and coin-operated laundry in the building.

How do I qualify? How much does it cost?

In order to qualify for Betty's applicants must be homeless and have six months of sobriety. Interested individuals must be able to provide a verification of current homelessness signed by a service provider as well as verification of some sort of income, primarily from employment. Applicants also provide a psycho/social evaluation from their referring agency. Units are of no cost to residents but participants are expected to save 50% of their income while at Betty's to support their transition to permanent housing upon program completion.

Are there any special rules or regulations?

The YWCA is a drug, alcohol and smoke free facility and all residents are required to abide by these guidelines. Participants are expected to work, volunteer or attend school while at Betty's, as well as attend weekly program and case management meetings. Participation in Project Place programming is optional.

What should I do if I am interested? Whom should I contact?

If you are interested in learning more about this housing opportunity, please stop by Betty's Place at 40 Berkeley Street in the South End to pick up an application. Completed applications will be placed on a waiting list in the order that they were received. For further questions, please contact Carol Reid or Robert Stinson at 617.482.1126.