



Who we are:

Covenant House New Jersey (CHNJ) provides housing and supportive services to young people between the ages of 18-24 years old who are experiencing homelessness. We work with over 700 young people a year in our residential programs, including young families with children, to stabilize their situations and move them out of homelessness. Our programs give young people the support they need to break the cycle of homelessness and build a stable, independent future.

The program:

The CHNJ - Monmouth County Foster Youth to Independence Services Program will provide supportive services to youth between the ages of 18-24 years old who have aged out of the foster care system and are eligible to obtain a 3-year housing voucher. Our program supports these youth through the entire process and includes:

- Assisting youth in completing housing authority applications and securing required documentation to be issued the housing voucher
- Identifying housing options and partnering with landlords to secure a rental unit and submit required documentation
- Assisting with legal documents, credit history, and paperwork for lease signing
- Offering move-in assistance with transportation, furniture, and utility set-up
- Teaching life skills such as budgeting, housekeeping, and meal prep
- Mediating tenant-landlord relationships and managing rent obligations
- Providing mentorship on communication, self-advocacy, and conflict resolution
- Developing job readiness skills and attaining employment
- Advancing educational goals by connecting youth with community resources

This program equips youth with the resources and skills needed for long-term stability, preventing youth from having to enter the adult homeless system.

How it aligns with Impact 100 Jersey Coast's Funding Priorities:

The CHNJ – Monmouth County Foster Youth to Independence Services Program aligns perfectly with Impact100 Jersey Coast's funding priorities. We target an underserved, vulnerable population—youth aging out of foster care—while addressing a significant unmet need in Monmouth County as this program does not currently exist within the area. The program's comprehensive support has a direct and lasting impact, helping youth secure housing and build the foundation they need to avoid homelessness and succeed independently. With your support, we can create meaningful change in these young lives.