

## Greenfield TeenHousing Frequently Asked Questions

**Can I move in right away?** There is usually a waiting list for apartments and wait time can vary greatly. It's important to apply early and maintain contact while on the waiting list.

**Can I smoke or have a pet?** There is a strict no smoking and no pets policy.

**Can my boy/girlfriend or child live with me?** No. The apartments are single person occupancy efficiency units.

**What about guests?** Tenants are allowed to have up to 3 awake guests in the apartment at a time. Overnight guests must be approved by the building management after passing a SORI check. A tenant may only have 21 overnights a year.

**Do I have to share anything with other tenants?** No. The units all have their own bathroom, shower, kitchen, fridge and stove. Tenants need to provide their own furniture.

**Is there on-site laundry?** Yes. A coin operated washer and dryer are located on the 2nd floor of the building.

**Are there any "accessible units?"** Yes. There is one accessible unit on the first floor.

**What's included with rent?** Rent includes heat and hot water, a dumpster and recycling bins, secured wi-fi internet and a parking space for one vehicle.

## DIAL/SELF Core Values

**COLLABORATION** – We work collaboratively with youth, with each other, and with our community to make the most of our combined resources.

**RESPECT** – We demonstrate respect through active listening, responsiveness, and inclusion of diverse perspectives.

**INNOVATION** – We develop and implement creative programs in response to community needs.

**ACCOUNTABILITY** – We hold ourselves accountable to high ethical, administrative, programmatic, and fiscal standards.

### Funding Partners for DIAL/SELF TeenHousing include:

- MA Department of Housing and & Community Development
- Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation
- Greenfield Cooperative Bank
- Federal Home Loan Bank
- Boston Community Loan Fund
- And the generosity of private foundations, charitable corporations, and individual community donors

### **DIAL/SELF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.**

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# TeenHousing Program

***Developing and managing supportive affordable permanent housing for homeless young adults ages 18-25.***



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## DIAL/SELF TeenHousing History

Since 1977, DIAL/SELF has been a community-based non-profit agency dedicated to promoting the health and positive development of area youth and enhancing the quality of life in the communities where they live.

In 2006, DIAL/SELF completed its first building rehab for the purpose of creating affordable housing for homeless youth. The venture into housing development was in response to a very clear community need.

By 2013, TeenHousing will have worked to create 27 units of permanent, supportive affordable housing for 18-25 year old young adults who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. At this time, DIAL/SELF is still the only developer of these housing options in Massachusetts.

## Greenfield TeenHousing Apartments

In 2010, DIAL/SELF reopened the doors to its beautifully renovated building at 196 Federal Street in Greenfield, MA.

This building now provides:

- 10 efficiency apartments for ages 18-25
- Subsidized rent (Program based section 8)
- Supportive services
- Opportunities for community service
- Mobile section 8 subsidy with completion of 1 year as a tenant in good standing

## Greenfield TeenHousing Apartment Eligibility

Tenant eligibility includes, but is not limited to:

- Ages 18-25
- Currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- Have an income less than or equal to 50% of the median income for Franklin County
- Demonstrate sufficient income to pay the minimum \$50 rent per month, electric and standard living expenses
- Be willing to commit to a 1 year lease
- Satisfy a criminal offender records information check and a sex offender registry inquiry
- Be a tenant in good standing from any previous subsidized tenancies
- Be willing to abide by the requirements of the Greenfield TeenHousing LLC Occupancy Agreement.

For more information about TeenHousing and Section 8 Housing requirements, visit the DIAL/SELF website at [www.dialself.org](http://www.dialself.org) and click on the TeenHousing link.

A sample copy of the GTHLLC Occupancy Agreement (Lease) is available online as well as a section 8 housing quick guide.



## Greenfield TeenHousing Apartment Application Process

Youth between the **ages 18-21** should contact DIAL/SELF TeenLine staff to start the application process which involves filling out a pre-application and starting case management with a TeenLine Youth Worker. TeenLine staff will provide support with the Section 8 & GTHLLC requirements as needed.

TeenLine can be reached at 413-774-7054, menu option 4, or by visiting a drop-in center in Greenfield or Orange.

Youth between the **ages 22-25** need to establish a connection to another local human services professional for case management. That professional should then contact Phil Ringwood at 413-774-7054 ext 115 or [teenhousing@dialself.org](mailto:teenhousing@dialself.org) to begin the process.

## Other DIAL/SELF Housing Options

DIAL/SELF offers other support options with housing for young adults 18-21 outside of the TeenHousing program such as:

- Step Transitional Living Program
- Kinship homes
- Emergency NightOwl warming center
- Limited short-term rental subsidies
- Referrals to non-DIAL/SELF housing options

For more information about which housing options may be available for you, or for a young adult with whom you are working, contact TeenLine.

**413-774-7054, Menu Option 4**