

## **ELIGIBILITY AND EXPECTATIONS FOR VOLUNTEER HOSTS**

### **All applicants must:**

1. Have an extra bedroom (providing privacy) for the Youth
2. Be at least 25 years old
3. Have lived in Baltimore for at least a year
4. Live in the greater Metro area
5. Complete the application form, providing any relevant information
6. Have renter/homeowner's insurance, providing a file copy if requested
7. Provide references
8. Authorize and pass background checks which include:
  - Public Records (i.e. arrest reports)
9. Complete necessary interviews
10. Complete the initial training sessions

The above criteria need to be successfully completed in order for an applicant to be qualified as a host. Participation of applicants can be terminated at any point in the screening process if the Program Coordinator believes they are not qualified/ready to be a Host volunteer. Applicants need to demonstrate a strong commitment to working with youth to build healthy and trusting relationships, an ability to provide a supportive environment and consistently demonstrate skills necessary to make that happen.

### **Host Home Support:**

After approval and once hosting, volunteers are provided with supportive meetings with the Program Coordinator. Youth involved in the program will receive ongoing support from their Case Managers.