

The Contract

The Women's Campus Project will:

- Help participant identify personal issues that need to be addressed
- Assist her in developing a personal goal plan that will lead to a more independent life style
- Link her with appropriate networks and community resources for personal growth and job opportunities
- Be a source of encouragement and support
- Provide other kinds of advocacy as needed
- Provide housing for a maximum of two years

The Participant will:

- Demonstrate a strong commitment to make changes in her life
- Seek professional help for serious personal problems
- Be responsible about following her goal plan, including attending workshops and training sessions
- Devote a minimum of 40 hours a week toward attending school, actively seeking employment or community service
- Participate in regular progress evaluations with staff

Women who are interested in this program should discuss eligibility with an appropriate YWCA staff member.

Location

The Women's Campus Project is located in three stately homes adjacent to the Elyria YWCA's Holly Hall in Elyria, Ohio.

Mission Statement

The Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America is a Women's Membership Movement nourished by its roots in the Christian faith and sustained by diversity, the Association draws together members who strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision; Peace, Justice, Freedom, and Dignity for all people.

The Association will thrust its collective power toward the elimination of racism, wherever it exists and by any means necessary.

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*A New Beginning for
Homeless Women*



**The Women's Campus
Project**

A Program of the Elyria YWCA and U.S. Dept. of Housing and
Urban Development



~ The Women's Campus Project ~

Since 1913 The Elyria YWCA has met the changing needs of women and girls in this community. The Women's Campus Project, the first residential housing facility for homeless women in Lorain County, provides transitional housing in several homes owned by the YWCA.

Transitional housing is the bridge from homelessness to permanence. The building blocks of this bridge are supportive services, goal setting and time to carry out those goals. The journey to cross this bridge begins when a woman is ready to make a commitment to change her life. Our sister program, the YWCA Residence for Women in Lorain, offers permanent housing for women with disabilities. Both are designed to create in women a shared vision of peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.



~ The Program ~

The Women's Campus Project is designed to assist homeless women to enter into a process of self discovery and growth that will enable them to become self-sufficient, productive citizens. The program goes beyond providing basic needs. It addresses the personal issues that have caused each woman to be without a home. With help from staff and up to two years occupancy in our residence, each participant has the opportunity for growth and change.

A variety of activities, programs, speakers and workshops are offered to help participants learn to overcome barriers, build self-esteem and deal with their personal issues. Some of the topics that will be addressed are parenting skills, budgeting, education, job readiness, health and fitness, tolerance and relationships.



~ Eligibility ~

Candidates for this program will be:

- Between 18 and 60 years of age
- Referred through organizations and agencies such as:
 - ~ The Haven
 - ~ Genesis House/Safe Harbour
 - ~ as well as other shelters, agencies and religious organizations
- Motivated to make positive changes
- Physically and emotionally able and willing to participate in education, job training and employment
- Able to function independently
- Not actively abusing drugs/alcohol