



## Step by Step for Placing a Youth with The Link – Passageways



### **Minimum qualifications for The Link's Safe Harbor services:**

- Youth should be between the ages of 13 – 17. Exploitation/ trafficking occurred in Minnesota.
- Youth experienced sexual exploitation/trafficking *or* is at imminent risk. At risk may include exposure to friends/family in the life, associating with known traffickers, documented involvement with older, unsafe individuals, etc. Traditionally, this does not include sexual abuse in the home, youth who date age appropriate partners, youth who chronically run, etc.

### **Initiating Placement; Contacting The Link's Safe Harbor – Passageways**

1. Contact The Link's Regional Navigator at **612.232.5428**. An initial screening will determine eligibility for The Link's Safe Harbor services and placement at Passageways.  
\*Please be prepared to provide psychological assessments, diagnostic assessments, previous placement discharge records, medical records/diagnosis, Rule 25's, and/or any other requested documentation if requested\*
2. The assigned mobile team member will be your primary contact until placement at Passageways.
3. If it is determined that Passageways is not an appropriate fit, the mobile team will offer services for youth in the West Metro, and assist in locating an alternative, more appropriate placement.

### **Placement; Transitioning to Passageways:**

- The onsite Passageway Case Manager will partner with youth/county workers/parents once their arrival has been approved by the mobile team and prior to entry. The Case Manager will gather needed intake paperwork for placement at the Passageways shelter.
- Once a youth arrives at Passageways, the mobile services team will close and Passageways Case Manager will take over. All visits/outing, medical appointments, school coordination, court dates and general questions including request for case updates and youth status should be directed to the Passageways Case Manager.

### **Exiting; Transitioning out of Passageways:**

- Once a youth exits the Passageways program, the onsite Passageways Case Manager will close and they become eligible for Aftercare Services.
- The Aftercare Specialist develops relationships with youth while in the Passageways program.
- Aftercare partners with county works, parents and community partners to ensure needs are being met upon discharge from Passageways.
- Aftercare Specialist can work with youth ages 13 – 24, and anywhere in the state of Minnesota. It is up to the youth if they want to maintain a working relationship with the Aftercare Specialist, as Aftercare services are voluntary.