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We need affordable housing for TAY (transitional aged youth ages 18-25).

1940s style boarding houses would be amazing. These young adults do not make enough or have credit scores that will allow them to leave home. They are not married yet and cannot afford rent in southern CA on one or even two roommates' on min. wage jobs. If they are attending a community college or just working they are often trapped in unhealthy environments or end up couch surfing which also prevents them from qualifying for many homeless services.

Many young adults who do not meet chronically homeless definitions or mental health diagnoses still have a need to move out of their homes for their own wellness after turnign 18. There are rarley options for these youth.

We need a model that gives tyhem a gap time to be reimbursed "adulting" skills tjhey did not get in the home. In a farmworker valley their parents were often tyo busy putting food on the table to provide tools to prepare them to navigate adulthood.

Kind regards,

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