

1. Organizational Mission:

OTS Inc was formed in 2012 specifically with supportive housing in mind. Its Articles of Incorporation set forth the purpose of the organization as "providing and operating a group residential home and shelter for at-risk or troubled teenage girls and providing proper guidance to, and promoting the health, education and welfare of, the same." OTS' existing 12-bed group residential home is located at 3218 Virginia Avenue in the Parkland Neighborhood of Louisville, Kentucky

Based on the success of this original transitional home, OTS' expanded vision is to provide supportive housing to needy families and children to prevent unwarranted forced separations. Finding a safe, comfortable, yet temporary, living environment, coupled with appropriate support services and access to other existing community resources, is often all a family needs to put themselves back on a stable path. OTS' ultimate goal is to ensure these families are set on a pathway to become economically independent and self-sufficient.

OTS's successful business plan helps it provide temporary housing to children who are a part of the foster care system. When OTS' residents age out of care between the age of 18-21, they are often ill equipped to navigate a successful path to become a self-sufficient and independent adulthood. That's when these residents are most vulnerable to homelessness, human trafficking and a host of other obstacles to their well-being. However, OTS helps arm these graduating residents with sound practical preventive measures to stop them from being homeless

- **Target Population** -- Low-income families and children, often predominantly families of color, with nowhere else to go, from young mothers trying to get ahead, to those who are working to eliminate substance abuse, deal with illness and/or achieve emotional stability.
- **Service Model** -- OTS will model the Family Preservation Model for this project as well as provide wraparound services that will consist of mental health treatment, case management, family reunification and life skills trainings and workshops. Services will be mandatory in order to in order to receive the transitional housing. Each participant will receive an Individual Service Plan that will assess the needs of the individual.

In addition, OTS will provide Continuum of Care to the residents in this project through a combination of support strategies including educational programs, job training and placement, medical services, mental health and substance abuse counseling, financial literacy, and beyond. OTS will help families overcome steep barriers to independence and strive to achieve their aspirations. OTS' Continuum of Care Model is to support families at every step to becoming economically independent and self-sufficient. After completion of the OTSFS program, all families will be provided a life coach with a mandatory continuum of services provided for 6 months after completion of the program.

- Our program will give priority to families attending Maupin Elementary in order to provide these families with temporary housing solutions and services as well as keep children in a stable environment that will prevent disruptive school change and the unfortunate problems such changes can cause.