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LOGIS JEUNES
Fondation Acolea

Métropole de Lyon, France

ID CARD



PROJECT TITLE.

Logis Jeunes

MAIN OBJECTIVE.

To provide Housing First services for young people aged 18 to 25 leaving Children's Social Care, aiming to prevent homelessness and promote social and professional integration.

TARGET AUDIENCE.

Young people aged 18 to 25, leaving Children's Social Care in the Lyon metropolitan area, with priority given to those aged 18/19.

IN NUMBERS.

57

young people supported in 2024, including 34 women, and 40% receiving or applying for the Disability Living Allowance.

46

housing units made available to young people.

24

tenancy transfers between 2021 and 2024, with an average subletting period of 2 years.

SUMMARY.

Logis Jeunes, launched in 2019, helps young people aged 18 to 25 leaving child protection in the Lyon area by offering stable housing and a flexible support system. The service focuses on outreach, social reintegration, and building a sustainable future for vulnerable youth. The programme operates under the Housing First model, providing immediate housing without prerequisites, followed by social and professional support.

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Project description

Addressing the Housing Needs of Vulnerable Young People Leaving Children's Social Care

Logis Jeunes addresses the needs of young people aged 18 to 25 leaving the child protection system in the Lyon metropolitan area. Many of these individuals face social vulnerability and are at risk of homelessness or long-term social exclusion. By providing Housing First services, Logis Jeunes aims to prevent disruptions in their lives and offer a sustainable transition to independence. The initiative started in 2019 and has been gradually expanding.

A Housing First Approach to Social Integration and Support

The programme follows a Housing First model, offering stable housing as the first step towards social integration. A mobile team of social workers provides ongoing support, ensuring young people gain access to employment, healthcare, and build a social network. The approach is outreach-based, with a focus on identifying strengths and harm reduction. The team works flexibly, meeting young people where they are, including their homes, cafés, and public spaces.

Collaborative Support and Financial Sustainability

Logis Jeunes receives funding from both the Métropole de Lyon (€330K annually) and the State (€330K annually). It is closely coordinated with the local child protection services (DPPE) and the Maison de la Veille Sociale (social monitoring and support centre that coordinates assistance for homeless individuals). These partnerships ensure that young people in need of support are appropriately referred and that resources are optimally allocated. The service relies on multi-disciplinary cooperation to address both immediate housing needs and long-term integration goals.

TIMELINE

2019

Launch of the Logis Jeunes programme.

2019–2021

Progressive scaling up of support for young people.

2022

Reached 51 young people in stable housing.

2024- 2025

Collaboration with University of Lyon 2 for impact study.

Inspiration note

Exit from Child Protection and Prevention of Homelessness

Logis Jeunes addresses a critical gap in social services by specifically focusing on young adults aged 18 to 25 leaving children's social care. This transition period is particularly vulnerable as young people often face disruptions, with no clear support system once they exit care.

In addition, young people are often not allowed to access benefits that would precisely help them in this transition. For example, in France, the *Revenu de Solidarité Active* (RSA), a welfare benefit granted to anyone without resources, is not available to young people aged 18 to 25, except in very specific cases. This creates a gap in support for young people and increases the risk of homelessness.

In the Lyon metropolitan area, an initiative has been launched to provide young people aged 18 to 25 with access to financial support (*Revenu de Solidarité Jeune*). This is a unique scheme in France, strongly advocated by organisations working with homeless individuals, including the Acolea Foundation.

The Logis Jeunes programme is part of the Metropolitan Strategy to Combat Homelessness, which funds several project partners, particularly those committed to preventing homelessness among young people leaving institutions such as prisons, hospitals, and the child protection system.

Long-Term Support Tailored to Young People

The Logis Jeunes initiative provides young people with flexible, independent housing, avoiding the rigid structures of traditional accommodation. By applying a Housing First approach, it grants them autonomy to make life and career choices while offering the time and support needed to stabilise their situation.

Unlike programmes with fixed timelines, Logis Jeunes provides long-term assistance, ensuring access to housing, healthcare, and employment opportunities without pressure to "graduate" too soon. A peer worker reinforces this personalised approach, serving as a role model for social reintegration. This holistic support helps young people rebuild their identity and integrate into society at their own pace.



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The transition from childhood to adulthood is a key period in young people's development. We know that leaving child welfare institutions is an aggravating factor in the risk of homelessness. This project responds to the needs for stability and support of a population in the midst of development. Based on the principles of Housing First, it gives these young people the foundations for a better life.