



Our mission is to provide safe living options and services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) youth, and allies who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

- An estimated 30-40% of all youth experiencing homelessness in the U.S. are LGBTQ. A local Albuquerque survey of more than 100 homeless youth found that nearly half self-identify as “gender queer.”
- Allies are people who do not identify as LGBTQ, but support those who do, fighting together to end the injustices that occur.
- Casa Q has served more than 30 LGBTQ youth ages 14-18 in the three years since opening February 2015.
- Our 8-bedroom house is licensed by the state’s Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) as a Multi-Service Home. We can serve up to 10 residents at a time.
- The Casa Q operating budget covers all costs for the facility as well as 24/7 staffing who work one-on-one with youth to help them achieve their goals.
- Our licensing allows both long- and short-term stays which gives us flexibility to respond to all needs, not just emergency shelter.
- We also work to help community partners become more culturally competent with LGBTQ youth.
- In future years, the Casa Q team hopes to recruit and train mentors and foster families to support LGBTQ youth.

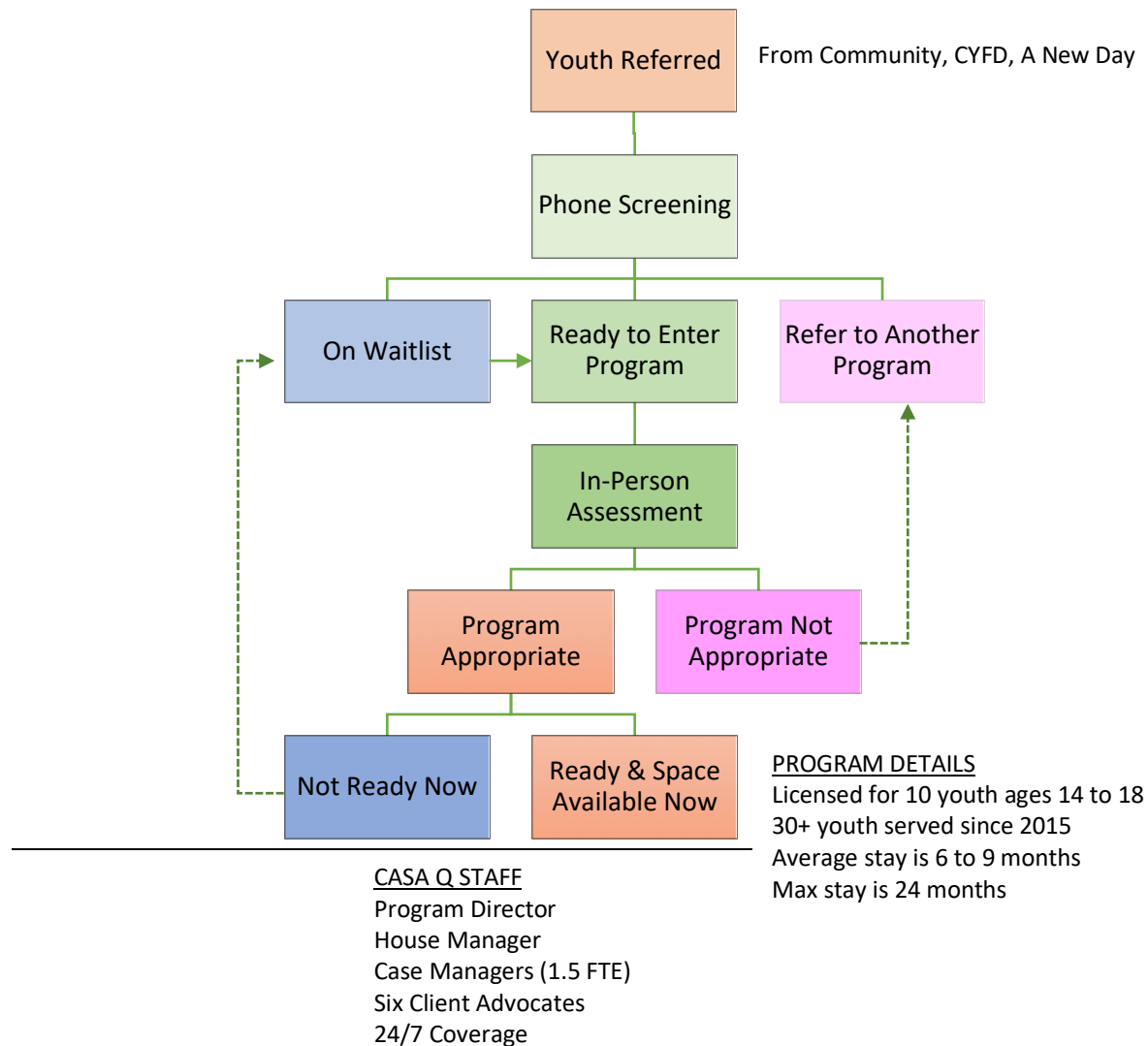


Casa Q depends on more than half of our total organizational budget—for the house, staff, and programming—from the generous contributions of our donors. For more information or to donate, visit our website or contact [director@casaq.org](mailto:director@casaq.org). Gifts are tax deductible.

*Thank you!*



### How do youth arrive at Casa Q?



### How can you help?

1. **Donate.** Grants cover less than half of the program cost. Individual and corporate donations support staff, the house, programs for the youth, and transportation.
2. **Advocate.** Spread the word about supporting LGBTQ youth and Casa Q to your friends and family, in person and on social media.
3. **Volunteer.** Participate in events, host a benefit party, offer to use your experience, skills, and expertise however needed for the program & community.