

Hello!

has/ have applied to be a host with the ConneQT Host Home Program. This program screens, trains and provides ongoing support to nurturing adults who open their homes to LGBTQ youth, ages 16-24, experiencing housing instability. While living in a host home, the youth works toward stabilization and building community. The goal of the program is not only to provide safe housing for youth, but also to help youth reach their goals and build stronger communities while allowing them to maintain their connectedness to school and their support network. Because being a host is a huge commitment, I need your help in evaluating the applicant(s).

Your name was given as one of three references. **The information you provide is confidential and will become a part of the total screening process.**

Please answer the following questions frankly. Concerns that you bring up will not necessarily disqualify the applicant(s).

I appreciate your cooperation. Please reply as soon as you can to the address listed below. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 612-345-8445. You may also email your responses to me at rberg@avenuesforyouth.org.

Thank you for participating in this process and helping us provide safe, secure housing for homeless youth.

Sincerely,

Ryan Berg
Program Manager, ConneQT Host Home Program
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If you need more space to answer the following questions, please attach an extra sheet of paper.

1. How long have you known the applicant and how did you become acquainted?

2. What do you see as the applicant's strengths and weaknesses, especially as they relate to working with youth?

3. How would you describe them as a couple/family? (If only one applicant, please skip to next question)

4. In your opinion, what motivated the applicant(s) to become hosts?

5. Do you anticipate that the applicant will need some help in hosting a youth? In what way?

6. Describe a young person who would fit well with this person/couple.

7. Describe a young person who would not fit well with this person/couple.

8. Please describe any concerns you have about the comfort or safety of a young person who stays with the applicant(s).

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. Please sign and provide a telephone number and/or email so I may contact you for follow up questions.

Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____