



Is it safe to host a youth during COVID?

We are taking additional precautions when matching youth and hosts during the pandemic. ConneQT developed some shared agreements for hosts and youth during the COVID-19 outbreak. The purpose of this is to make sure that both youth and hosts have information and a framework to reduce the risk of COVID-19 contagion.

Money is tight right now. Is there a financial commitment to hosting a youth?

The ask is food and shelter be provided by hosts but we can always find creative ways to alleviate some of the financial aspects of hosting. That may mean youth access the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to get their food needs met or our Youth Advocate and Engagement Specialist, Rosie, can help youth apply for other economic assistance while in ConneQT.

How are you training hosts during COVID?

We are in the process of moving our training online. There are three steps to the online version of our training: 1. homework--to allow for some shared language and understanding before moving to step two; 2. topic videos--our in-person facilitators have made a series of videos that prospective hosts can view at their convenience; 3. debrief and process--we schedule zoom meetings to go over the topic videos, to discuss questions, concerns, thoughts, insights.

I'm not the right fit to host, but my friend is, how can I share this information?

If you believe in the mission of ConneQT but can't host yourself, please share about our program with your community through conversations or on social media. We're happy to talk to anyone interested in learning more. It is only through the spirit of solidarity that we are able to match youth with culturally responsive housing in their community.

Have more questions? Contact Ryan Berg at rberg@avenuesforyouth.org or 612-345-8445