

PADUCAH LAUNCHES INDEPENDENT LIVING FOR WESTERN KENTUCKY



NECCO of Paducah is pleased to announce the launch of their Independent Living program serving youth ages 17-21. The program is led by Paducah native **Gwen Taylor**, who comes to NECCO with over six years experience and a strong background working with troubled youth. During her career she has worked as a career counselor, instructor, and program manager for Independent Living.

On July 31 team Paducah hosted an Open House to present the new living accommodations for youth participating in the IL program. The event was a success! With Gwen's leadership and the help of program supporters and community partners, the team was able to showcase the independent living housing with most everything it needs to support youth in transition.

Team Paducah would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all its supporters who have helped make the Paducah Independent Living program launch successful:

**Robert and Wendie Fulton (Paducah foster parents) donated a bed.
Heartland Baptist Church donated chairs, desk, and a dresser.
Michael Smith, Michael Dann, and Ronnie Riley helped transport and move furniture.
Bill & Chrissie Booth of Clarksville, TN (formerly Benton, KY) donated a couch,
dining table, six chairs, and microwave oven.
Whaler's Catch donated food for the Open House.
Great Expectations donated a gift certificate as a door prize for the Open House.**

Gwen said, "Without the support of our community our jobs would become a lot harder. We both need and appreciate the support of our community members to help make this program a success!" Although donors and partners have been very generous with their goods and services, there is always room for more support. The Paducah team is still looking for the following household items to make room for even more youth to participate in the program. These items maybe purchased new or gently used:

- Furniture
- Pots & pans
- TV's
- Dishes
- Small appliances
- Radios

In addition the team accepts monetary and in-kind donations geared toward enhancement of the IL program.

If you are interested in making a donation or would like to learn more please contact the Paducah office at (270) 898-1293 and ask for Gwen.



Independent Living Coordinator Ron Campbell, NECCO Case Manager Tonya Jarboe, Dayne Wells of Child Watch, Gwen Taylor and NECCO Case Manager Rachel Huffman at the IL Open House on July 31.

