To be an effective component of clients' continuum of care, transitional living facilities operating within the continuum of care, need to provide the following minimum requirements:

- Clean and sober, safe housing.
- Food storage and preparation areas.
- Environment that promotes peer to peer support.
- Access to or provide transportation to social services, medical appointments, all substance use disorder treatment including 12 step and other self- help meetings, the Employment Development Department, and organized community service activities.
- Staff should include a salaried on-site live-in house manager.
- The facility should have enforced rules designed to maintain a safe and clean and sober environment, including required participation in random drug and alcohol testing.