HOME MANAGEMENT

Objective # 1:	Date(s):
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I learn about my community housing resources online, in newspapers, on school bulletin boards or from someone I know. I go to www.smoothtransitions4teens.com ST4T video channel: Home Management

Information:

Objective# 2:

I decide where I want to live and list the Positives and Negatives* I go to www.smoothtransitions4teens.com ST4T video channel: Home Management.

Positives Negatives



Objective # 5:

I ask questions. I know my landlord's and my responsibilities - *I ask for a copy of the lease. I read it and consult with someone I trust before I sign anything. I take my time, and shop around. I go to www.smoothtransitions4teens.com ST4T video channel: Home Management.

I figure my housing costs (including utilities, deposits, renter's insurance, furnishings) before I sign a lease. *I may be required to pay first and last months' rent up front or a substantial deposit. Utilities usually require a deposit before starting service unless utilities are included in my rent* I go to		
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MY TOTAL PERSONAL HOUSING COSTS		
First Month	Every Month	
RENT:	RENT:	
Electric:	Electric:	
Water:	Water:	
Gas:	Gas:	
Phone:	Phone:	
Cable:	Cable:	
SECURITY		
DEPOSIT:		
OTHER		
DEPOSIT:		
(Phone, electric,		
gas, water)		
RENTER'S	RENTERS'	
INSURANCE:	INSURANCE	
(optional)	(optional)	
FURNITURE:		
KITCHEN		
SUPPLIES:		
OTHER	OTHER	
EXPENSES:	EXPENSES:	

TOTAL:____

Objective # 7:

Date(s):_____

TOTAL: _____

"Your home should tell the story of who you are and be a collection of what you love."

Nate Berkus

Nationally recognized interior designer and home renovator

Oprah Winfrey favorite Nate Berkus is highly sought after for his excellent work, in part because of how he has overcome tragedy in his lifetime.

Born in Orange County, California in 1971, Nate Berkus went into interior design right out of high school. Nate then interned at Sotheby's in Chicago and worked as an intern in Paris. He went on to Lake Forest College in Chicago, earning degrees in French and Sociology. Nate Berkus Associates opened in 1995. Berkus has won many awards and commendations since that time.

Nate created his own interior design company in Chicago and has made regular appearances on the Oprah Winfrey Show. Tragically his partner Fernando died in a tsunami in 2005; Nate survived. The story galvanized Oprah's audience, inundating him with thousands of emails and letters.

People from all over the country felt a connection with Nate because of his loss. Thousands of people wanted to hear his story of the terror of surviving a tsunami and how he lost his husband. So many people came to know this man because of his frequent appearances with Oprah.

Nate and his new husband Jeremiah Brent have two children. Both men are interior designers. They are very well known and have a large YouTube following. Their hit TV show 'Nate and Jeremiah by Design' displays how they deal with the challenges of raising children, while helping homeowners turn difficult renovations into dream homes.

"You will enrich your life immeasurably if you approach life with a sense of wonder and discovery, and always challenge yourself to try new things."

SOURCE: YouTube- Nate Berkus Biography: Celebrity Posters

YouTube- Having More Kids- Rachel Ray Show

YouTube- Nate Berkus and Jeremiah Brent on their TLC Show: Build Series