

# **Transitional Housing**

## **Admission Requirements**

1. Applications for admittance are accepted on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. at 1421 Austin Avenue. After a resident is accepted into the program, a Service Plan will be developed to determine each individuals' goals for the next six months. Initial goals and the determination of how each goal is to be met may be formulated for the following specific areas: housing, family counseling, employment, child care, educational, health care, social, spiritual, and budget. In addition, a drug screen will be performed and must be negative for the applicant to be considered for admission.
2. Criterion for admission will include the individual/family's desire to be involved in meeting the goals of the Service Plan by actively participating in activities and services/groups designed to help meet the goals.
3. Residents normally considered for admission will include single women and families. A family is defined as any adult (age 18 or over) with children. Individuals who have an alcohol or drug problem will be referred for treatment in a local drug and alcohol treatment facility and may be considered for admission to Compassion Ministries upon successful completion of that program. Usage of alcohol or drugs will be cause for immediate dismissal from the shelter. Women who are victims of domestic violence will be referred first to the Family Abuse Center.
4. The length of stay at the shelter will be determined by individual need and each individual/family will work toward specific goals designed to re-establish them in their own household. Although an average length of stay will be 90 to 180 days or less, each individual/family Service Plan will be evaluated on a monthly basis and a determination of length of stay will be made in accordance with the goals of the Plan.