

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

RESIDENT POLICIES

Admission Requirements

1. Once admission is approved, a Service Plan will be developed to determine each individual's goals for the following six months. Initial goals and 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 in order to be considered for admission. In addition, a drug screen will be performed and must be negative in order to be considered for admission.
2. Decisive factors 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. 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, 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.

Your Rights as a Resident

You have the right as a resident to be treated in a fair, humane manner and to be treated with respect, not only by the Compassion Ministries staff but also by the residents at this facility. If you find you have difficulties during your stay at Compassion Ministries, the staff is here to meet your needs.

1. If a conflict arises that you are not able to resolve, go to your Case Manager with your difficulty and see if the two of you may be able to resolve the situation.
2. If you have gone to your Case Manager with this conflict and, after a reasonable period of time, you feel the situation has not been resolved to your satisfaction, you may appeal to the Executive Director.