

Montgomery Township / Liberation House: Request for Proposal Specifics

1. Is the proposed sober house designed for occupants who intend to remain for a significant amount of time?

There is no predetermined length of stay. The goal is to allow the residents to remain with Liberation House as they want in order to give them opportunity to be able to engage in the recovery process at their own pace. Each resident can remain at Liberation House as long as they want if they remain sober.

2. Do residents view the proposed sober house as a place to return to?

The residents view the Liberation House as their home, and each day intends to return to the house, to eat, sleep, bond, and engage in all activities that further the recovery process. This takes place on a daily basis, until such time the residents decide to take the next step to engage in independent living.

3. Do residents eat meals together?

Residents function as a family. Eat meals together, buy groceries together, however, this is done by choice and is not mandated.

4. Do the residents return to their rooms in the evening?

The house functions as a family unit. Residents are free to do what they want in the house when they are there just as any family would function. They are not told or forced to return to their rooms at a certain time. It's not an institution setting, it's a family setting.

5. Are the residents assigned to a particular room for the entire length of their stay?

That really varies. Many times residents will move to a different room if they chose to and there is an opening. They are not restricted/assigned to the same room, same bed, from their first day.

6. How many residents will occupy the house; and how many are housed in a bedroom, as opposed to dormitory or barrack-style bunks?

There are 8 bedrooms, each having two full-size beds with bed tables, bureaus, and closets. There will be a maximum of 16 individuals at any one time, plus 2 supervisors.

7. Do the residents review mail at the sober house?

They receive mail at the sober house as it is their actual residence and not a

temporary place to stay. It is treated like a family residence, as a permanent residence and they can and do receive and review their mail there.

8. Do the residents have chores and household duties to maintain or keep up the facility (i.e., cooking, laundry, yard work, room clean-up)?

The house functions as a single housekeeping unit as a family and all residents participate in the cooking, cleaning, etc. The residents decide amongst each other what chores they are doing and work together in all aspects of the house functions.

9. Are the residents free to decorate or personalize their respective rooms with pictures, ornaments, photographs, or other such indicia of long-term residents?

The residents are free to decorate and personalize their rooms just as they would living with their family or apartment. The goal is to have residents there long term and living their life just as they would anywhere else, so this is allowed and encouraged.

10. Do the residents engage in social events together, either on-site and off-site?

The residents are free to come and go to work or school or outside events. It is the same as a family residence in that they are allowed to come and go and do things outside of the house just as if they were living at home with their family or on their own.

11. Do the residents travel to work or school?

Many of the residents have jobs, are enrolled in school and come and go on a daily basis to work and school.

12. Can the residents travel off-site, and if so, how?

Residents are allowed to travel off-site and must provide their own transportation. They can have their own car, take public transportation, no different than if they lived at home or on their own. Many times they give each other rides to school or work, and all that is decided amongst them.

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