

New Beginnings Policies and Guidelines

Preferences are governed by satisfaction of all eligibility requirements and available space. Once a mother has been accepted for residency she will not be vacated from the premises except for reaching the expiration of her scheduled stay or for committing act(s) specified as grounds for removal.

The ministry of New Beginnings intends to care for those who need its services. The staff considers many circumstances in a single parent's situation and will consider accepting any single mother for residency at New Beginnings who satisfies the following eligibility requirements:

1. Is 18 years of age or older;
2. Is pregnant or has a young child under the age of 2;
3. Has not planned her pregnancy with the intent of becoming a single parent. She understands God's command that sexual relations were meant only for marriage and agrees to be sexually abstinent during her stay at New Beginnings. She has filled out all required forms listed:

Signed and notarized forms:

- Acknowledgment of Financial Responsibility
- Admissions Agreement
- Consent for Medical, Dental and Surgical Treatment for you and your child
- Social Services regarding receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families(TANF) and Food Stamps
- Agreement to Home Policies and Guidelines

Other forms:

- Goals and Timetable
 - Financial Disclosure Agreement and credit report
 - Education Plan
 - Medical and Dental Information for Emergency Action
 - Medical History for you and your child
 - Physical Examination
 - Release
4. Can use a car while at New Beginnings provided she shows proof of insurance, registration, and a license each month;
 5. Is able to function independently, physically and emotionally with minimal supervision;
 6. Is able to get along with others and willing to work for the harmony of residents in the Home for Mothers;
 7. Willing to commit to her educational plan;

8. Has been stable in recovery from substance abuse prior to the time of application and must be continuing in her recovery program;
9. Does not possess any health concern which may place her life and well being or that of her child or other residents of the Home for Mothers in danger;

Special circumstances may allow for some variance of these guidelines. The final decision of eligibility will be made by the Admissions Committee of the Board of Directors for the Home for Mothers. They will base their decision on the following criteria, listed in order of preference:

1. Order in which application was received;
2. Applicant's satisfaction of the eligibility requirements established above;
3. Which source provided the application;
4. Any special considerations that are pertinent to the application.

No application will be rejected because of the applicant's race, color, previous marital status, or economic status. The Admissions Committee reserves the right to reject the admission request of any applicant without comment or prejudice.

The Home for Mothers will not accept:

- Women with severe emotional problems
- Women with severe drug or alcohol problems
- Women with a history of stealing
- Women with a history of violent behavior

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