



STRAIGHT
A Direction for Youth

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RULES FOR NEW PARENTS

1. HONESTY
2. What you see here, what you hear here, what you do here, remains here.
3. No breaking anyone's anonymity.
4. No talking behind anyone's back - Staff, families, or clients - by name or by inference, neither positive, negative or neutral comments.

OPEN MEETINGS

5. Attendance at Open Meeting is mandatory for all parents.
 - A. Every Monday and Friday at 6:15 p.m. during Phases 1, 2 and 3.
 - B. Every Monday or Friday as assigned during Phases 4 and 5.
 - C. You are required to arrive on time and stay during the whole meeting and the rap which follows.
 - D. In dire emergency, you may be late or excused from a meeting with Staff permission.
6. If parents come to Open Meeting under the influence of alcohol or drugs, they will not be permitted to attend Open Meeting or enter the building.
7. No cameras, recorders or writing during Open Meetings.
8. No smoking, eating or drinking in Open Meeting and/or Raps.
9. Dress shall be sedate and respectful. No thongs, white T-shirts, muscle shirts, T-shirts with pictures and/or writing, see-through blouses, overalls, shorts or low cut dresses or blouses. Bras and shoes shall be worn.
10. Parents will be seated at the discretion of Staff and remain seated throughout the meeting.
11. During your child's first fourteen (14) days, sit on the fourth (4th) row or behind.
12. No talking during the Open Meeting

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13. No eye games with your child.
14. When talking on the microphone;
 - A. Talk about your feelings.
 - B. No lecturing
 - C. No reference to friends, pets, "want list", news, gossip or progress reports.
 - D. No "Heavies" - meaning sad or shocking personal news like a death, divorce, serious illness, etc. Please let Staff handle "Heavies".
 - E. No talking to other children without prior staff permission.
15. Each parent must have his/her own name checked on the attendance books.
16. No siblings or guests during your child's first fourteen (14) days.
17. Parents should leave promptly after Open Meeting and Raps. No parking lot gossip.
18. Parents wishing to bring a guest must call the Intake Coordinator in advance.

PARENT RAPS

19. All parents must attend six (6) consecutive "New Parent Raps" beginning your first Monday Open Meeting. New Parent Raps occur Monday and Friday after Open Meeting.
20. All parents must attend "First through Fifth Phase Parent Raps" on Monday/Friday Open Meetings after completion of New Parent Raps.
21. Fourth (4th) and Fifth (5th) Phase parents attend Parent Raps with their child one Thursday night each month.

SIBLINGS

22. All siblings and other family members in the household must be interviewed by Staff after the first fourteen (14) days on the program. An appointment must be made with Staff.
23. Siblings (8 years and up) are encouraged to attend Saturday sibling raps from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

GENERAL

24. While child is on Phase I of the program, there is no contact with the temporary host home.
25. Host parents are not to discuss who is a temporary child in their home with anyone.
26. Program participants are not to have any money or I.D. while on Phase I.
27. The program will contact school regarding your child entering Straight unless we are asked not to do so.

28. During Phases 1, 2 and 3, clients are not to leave the house or stop anywhere going to or from the program. He/she may not receive telephone calls, letters, cards or gifts during this time.
29. Complete medical information must be obtained at the time of the interview. Any medical attention required is the responsibility of the parents. Upon entering the program, your child will receive a complete physical. The charge to the parents for this is \$28.00.
30. Parents will check before Open Meeting to see if their child has a "Want List".
31. All medication for your child must be checked out by Staff.
32. Please do not call Staff in reference to your child's progress. Staff will provide progress reports from fourteen (14) days to thirty (30) days.
33. Families shall not take vacations or leave town while their child is on the program. Family emergency trips out of town shall be approved by Staff.
34. Parents who are from out-of-town or out-of-state should not say "Good-bye" or mention their leaving over the microphone.
35. Parents may not drop or settle court-ordered issues that concern clients without consent of Staff.
36. Clients may not have bank accounts until Third Phase. On Third Phase two (2) signatures are needed on the account and two (2) signatures for withdrawal of funds.