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SECOND PHASE PARENT RULES

- 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 nor neutral comments.

OPEN MEETING

- 5. Attendance at Open Meetings is mandatory for all parents.
  - A. Every Monday and Friday at 6:15 p.m. during Phases I, II & III.
  - B. Every Monday or Friday, as assigned, during Phases IV & V.
  - C. You are required to arrive on time and stay during the whole meeting.
  - D. In a 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 the Open Meeting or enter the building. (6 HRS)
- 7. No cameras, <sup>radios too</sup> recorders or writing during Open Meeting.
- 8. No smoking, eating or drinking in Open Meeting. *No chewing gum.*
- 9. Dress shall be sedate and respectful. No thongs, white tee-shirts, muscle shirts, tee-shirts with pictures 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 discretion of staff and remain seated throughout Open Meeting.
- 11. No talking during the Open Meeting.
- 12. No eye games with your child <sup>or any</sup> other children.
- 13. No talking to other children over the microphone without prior staff permission.
- 14. Each parent must sign his/her own name on the "sign-in" sheet separately.
- 15. Parents should leave promptly after Open Meetings and Raps. No parking lot gossip.

16. Parents wishing to bring a guest must call the Intake Coordinator for clearance at least 24 hours in advance (72 hours, preferred if possible). *same day OK now*

17. Parents who are from out-of-town or out-of-state should not mention their leaving over the microphone.

**\*PARENT RAPS**

18. All parents must attend the "Coming Home" (2nd Phase) Rap three times beginning the night their child comes home.

19. All parents must attend "First through ~~third~~ <sup>Fifth</sup> Phase Parent" Raps after completion of "New Parent and MI" Raps.

\*All parents must repeat their "New Parent and MI" Raps beginning on the night their child makes Fourth Phase. Local parents will attend on consecutive Mondays and Fridays. Out-of-town parents may attend them on those weekends they are required to attend Open Meetings (**complete 2 in 60 days**)

**AT HOME**

*OR FOSTER (HOST) HOME*

YOUR CHILD WILL BE LIVING AT HOME, ATTENDING STRAIGHT:

Monday	-	9:00 a.m.	-	Until Open Meeting is dismissed	} BUILDING OPEN AT 7AM
Tuesday	-	9:00 a.m.	-	8:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	-	9:00 a.m.	-	7:00 p.m.	
Thursday	-	9:00 a.m.	-	8:00 p.m.	
Friday	-	9:00 a.m.	-	Until Open Meeting is dismissed	
Saturday	-	10:00 a.m.	-	10:00 p.m.	- BLDG. OPEN AT 9:30 AM
Sunday	-	2:00 p.m.	-	9:00 p.m.	- BLDG. OPEN AT 1:30 PM

*II - BIBLE, DR'S. APPT, DENTIST  
III - SHOPPING + YARD PERMIS-  
SIONS,  
FOSTER  
KIDS CALL  
HOME*

20. During Phases I & II <sup>III</sup> client is not to leave the house or stop anywhere going to or from the program. He may not receive telephone calls, letters, cards or gifts during this time.

21. All medication (including vitamins) must be checked out by staff. ~~At home, at night, aspirin may be given for fever of 101 degrees without checking with staff. (NOT A NEWCOMER).~~ CHANGED 9/84 - ~~NO ONE WITHOUT CHECKING WITH STAFF!~~

22. 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.

23. The child is not permitted visitors, nor are the parents or siblings to have visitors while the child is in the home. (Parents are many times over anxious and tend to break this rule when their child first comes home.) (**IMPORTANT!!!**)

24. It is now the parent's responsibility to get the child to and from Straight promptly at the designated times (getting the child to the building 15 minutes before the designated arrival time and being at the building for pick-ups at least 15 minutes before the scheduled dismissal time.)

## DIME THERAPY

Your child will have three (3) or more phone numbers of kids on Phases 4 or 5 of the program which he/she can use for an emergency problem that might arise in the home. Parents must dial the phone number and get the other child on the phone before letting their child talk. Also, a parent must stay in the room while the child is talking on the phone.

PHASE  
II, III

NO!  
CHILD  
RECENTLY  
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25. Dime Therapy has four uses:

- A. A child has a problem at night and asks for dime therapy.
- B. Child has a problem, and you as a parent cannot help him/her resolve it and insist on dime therapy.
- C. Child wants to talk to someone to feel closer to the Group. (5 - 10 minutes) 4TH PHASE PRIVILEGE = FRIENDSHIP
- D. Parents need to talk to another parent or upper phaser about a problem, such as a cop out, medical emergency, or just a question about the program.

26. Child is responsible each night for:

- A. Doing his/her M.I. (may not lie down while writing it) may not use pencil
- B. Taking a bath or shower.
- C. Spending time talking and sharing with the family.
- D. Getting himself/herself-to bed and-cleaning the bedroom.

NE PARENT  
PRESENT  
ALL TIMES

27. Child must stay inside the house. Off Limits: Garage, Screened Florida Room, Yard, Pool and External Utility Room. BASEMENT.

28. Parents should provide breakfast and a modest snack at night. (not fix)

29. Parents must lock up alcoholic beverages, medications, bathroom products which contain alcohol and/or are in glass or aerosol containers, and all chemical cleaning products. KNIVES  
NUTMEG  
FLAVORINGS

30. Parents should review their child's M.I. at irregular times.



Parents should report to staff first time, every time and immediately:

- A. Problems in the child's M.I.
- B. Child's slacking off in responsibilities.
- C. Child's breaking of Straight's or parent's rules.
- D. Gut instincts about the child,

32. NO "PLAYING OFF STAFF" - Parents should not "shop for" staff members for answers they want.

33. Games are permitted and encouraged when they do not interfere with the child's responsibilities or family communication (no weight lifting until 3rd phase).

AVOID THEMSELVES

34. The child, not the parents, must take care of drop-offs and car pools.

35. Parents should set house rules as long as these rules do not conflict with Straight's rules.

#### NEWCOMERS

Sometime on 2nd Phase, at staff's discretion, your child will receive a Newcomer. (10-14 DAYS)

36. Your child is in charge of the newcomer. Do not interfere with his/her oldcomer authority. Newcomer must ask oldcomer permission for everything.

37. Make the newcomer a real part of the family.

38. No breaking anyone's anonymity. Foster parents are not to discuss who is a temporary foster child in their home with anyone. (Host)

39. If your child is late, he/she has to make up a day for himself/herself and for each newcomer <sup>to straight (host)</sup> (ON 4TH PHASE)

40. No newcomer talking to newcomers. <sup>directly</sup> (clicking!)

41. Parents, when in doubt, use your common sense and then report to staff about the situation.

#### SIBLINGS

42. All siblings and other family members in the household must be interviewed by staff after the first fourteen (14) days on the program and before your child may come home.

43. Siblings (8 and up) are encouraged to attend Saturday sibling raps from 10:00 a.m. to ~~1:00 p.m.~~ 12 Noon.

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