

THE PHASES

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PHASE 1 THE CHILD IS WORKING ON HIMSELF/HERSELF

The child is living away from home with a temporary host family. This is for a minimum of 14 days. Court cases; a minimum of 30 days.

- 1. No making or receiving phone calls, letters, etc. from friends or parents. No television, radio or reading.
- 2. The transporter of your child must take a direct route from Straight to their home. No stops on the way.
- 3. Your child will attend Straight:

Monday & Friday 9:00 a.m. through Open Meeting Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- 4. Transporter is responsible to have your child at Straight promptly at the designed time and pick up the child at closing.
- 5. The child is responsible for doing a Moral Inventory on a daily basis.

PHASE 2 THE CHILD IS WORKING ON HIMSELF/HERSELF AND FAMILY

The child is living at home attending Straight the same hours as Phase 1.

- Again no making or receiving telephone calls, letters, etc. (exceptions, see #7). No television, radio, or reading. (except the Bible)
- 2. 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!!

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PHASE 2 (continued)

- 3. The responsibility is now for the parents to get their child to and from Straight promptly at the designated times (getting the child to the program by 8:45 a.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday at 1:45 p.m.).
- 4. Again, no stops are permitted to or from Straight and the child is not permitted to leave the actual house other than going to Straight.
- 5. The child may at this time have a newcomer, sometime after adjusting to home and family.
- 6. Again, a Moral Inventory is mandatory daily.
- 7. <u>DIME THERAPY</u> To be used in emergency only (not for idle conversation). The child will have three or more phone numbers of kids on 4th or 5th phase which he/she can use for a problem that might arise in the home. Parents must dial the telephone number and get the other child on the phone before letting their child talk.

PHASE 3 THE CHILD IS WORKING ON HIMSELF/HERSELF, FAMILY AND ACHIEVEMENT

This is when the child returns to school or work. The child is to come directly to Straight from school or work.

- 1. When not attending school or work the child is required to be at Straight, 7 days a week.
- 2. Again, no making or receiving telephone calls, letters, etc. (excepting Dime Therapy). At this time the child may read, listen to the radio and watch TV. Parents should monitor and supervise reading, television and music. These privileges are with parent's consent.
- 3. Again, child or family may not have visitors.
- 4. The responsibility again is the parents' to get the child to and from Straight promptly at the designated times.
- 5. If the child is to return to work, the job <u>must</u> be checked out by Staff and they will notify the parents.
- Doctor and dental appointments as check-ups, can be scheduled.
 The child takes the initiative using the permission procedures.
- Necessary clothes shopping is possible through the permission procedure.
- Again, Moral Inventories are mandatory daily.

PHASE 4 THE CHILD IS WORKING ON HIMSELF/HERSELF, FAMILY, ACHIEVEMENT AND CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF LEISURE TIME/FRIENDSHIPS

Your child will be living at home, attending school or work, and will be required to be at Straight three afternoons and evenings a week, only one being an Open Meeting night and one weekend day a week for a minimum of 90 days.

- 1. Phone calls may be made by the child at this time.
- 2. No old drug-using friends or hangouts.
- 3. Responsibility for transportation of foster children is the parents' and child on Phase 4.
- If the child is of age to drive, he/she may ask staff permission for this privilege.
- 5. He/she must write Staff three days in advance for permission to go anywhere (i.e., movies, shopping, etc.).
 The parents' approval must be on the permission.
- 6. Moral inventories, again, are mandatory on a daily basis.

PHASE 5 THE CHILD IS WORKING ON HIMSELF/HERSELF, FAMILY, ACHIEVEMENT, CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF LEISURE TIME/FRIENDSHIPS AND SERVICE TO OTHERS

Your child will be living at home, attending school or work, and will be required to be at Straight on a varying schedule three afternoons or weekend days.

- 1. Phone calls may be made at this time.
- 2. No old drug-using friends or hangouts.
- 3. No permission is required for the child to go different places, as long as parent accompanies youngster. If a 5th phaser wants to go somewhere alone, with other people on the program, or the parents of other people on the program, permission is required.
- Responsibility for transportation of foster children is parents' and child's.
- Moral inventories are mandatory on a daily basis.
- 6. This is the last phase which is designed to assist the individual to put into practical use the skills he/she has learned. During this phase they will be working directly with other kids on the program. Parental cooperation is extremely important during this phase.