

RULES FOR NEW PARENTS

1. Honest.
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 MEETINGS:

5. Attendance at Open Meetings is mandatory for all parents.
 - A. Every Monday and Friday at 6:15 during phases I, II, & III.
 - B. Every Monday or Friday as assigned during phase 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.
7. No cameras, recorders, or writing during Open Meetings.
8. No smoking, eating, or drinking in Open Meetings.
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 the meeting.
11. During your child's first fourteen days, sit on the fourth row or behind.
12. No talking during the Open Meeting.
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 report.
 - D. No "Heaveys" - meaning sad or shocking personal news like a death, divorce, serious illness, etc. Please let staff handle "heaveys".
 - E. No talking to other children without prior staff permission.

15. Each parent must sign their own name on the "sign-in sheet separately.
16. No siblings or guests during your child's first fourteen days.
17. Parents should leave promptly after Open Meetings and raps. No parking-lot gossip.
18. Parents wishing to bring a guest must call for clearance 48 hours 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 & Friday after Open Meetings.
20. All parents must attend "First through Third Phase Parent Raps" on Monday Open Meetings after completion of New Parent Raps.
21. 4th & 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.
23. Siblings (8 and up) are encouraged to attend Saturday sibling raps 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
24. While child in on Phase I of the program, there is to be no contact with the temporary foster home.
25. Foster parents are not to discuss who is a temporary foster child in their home with anyone.
26. Program participants are not to have any money or I.D. while on Phase I.
27. Program will contact schools regarding your child entering Straight.
28. During Phase I & 2, 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.
29. Complete medical information must be obtained at the time of the interview. Any medical attention required is parents responsibility. Upon entering the program, your child will receive a complete physical. The charge to the parents for this is \$25.00.
30. Parents will check before Open Meeting to see if their child has a "want list".

31. All medication 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.