

COOL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING OVERVIEW & PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is designed to give Transitional Housing Guest Families an opportunity to establish their lives anew with time to find permanent housing and become self-sufficient. During this program, Transitional Housing Guest Families (according to their **Individual Service Plan**) will obtain further educational training and better employment, gain life skills, budget and save money, receive counseling, and explore personal and spiritual growth. It is expected that each guest family will exit the program able to maintain self-sufficiency. There is a **30-Day Probation Period** upon entering the COOL Transitional Housing Program. **There is no waiting list, but applications are kept for a period of six months. Submitting an application is not a guarantee for admittance into the COOL program.**

Phase I Housing

Phase I transitional housing focuses on families who are committed to making the necessary life style changes to assure the personal growth and self-sufficiency of each parent and child. Length of stay depends upon need, compliance with program guidelines and readiness to graduate into self-sufficiency.

Phase II Housing

Phase II housing provides the same structure as Phase I, but is designed for families who are able to pay low rent. Compliance with program guidelines, as in Phase I, is mandatory.

Process for Admission

Submit completed application to TH Program Manager for consideration. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Application must be original copy. **No facsimiles please.**

A criminal background check will be required.

Families must agree in writing to counseling sessions, adhering to a budget, and a Family Goal Plan.

Program Expectations

- \$250.00 non-refundable sincerity donation
- Adhere to all COOL Policies and Guidelines (presented at 1st interview)
- Follow-up with all agency referrals
- No drugs or alcoholic beverages
- No verbal abuse or physical violence
- Establish and make regular deposits to a savings account for future housing
- Keep housing unit in clean, orderly manner. Family will be financially responsible for damages
- Maintain Full-Time employment

Contact Information

COOL Transitional Housing
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(Requires a 39-cent stamp)