

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Washington County Juvenile Shelter is a short term temporary residential assessment and evaluation program. The program provides evaluation and individual care for youth pending alleged violations of the law who volunteer to participate in lieu of detention.

The program performs a comprehensive evaluation of each youth assessing their response to structure and pro-social opportunities in the areas of education, counseling, skills groups and recreation. Both personal responsibility and maintaining respectful behavior are strongly emphasized.

The program accepts boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 17 years old. Staff work 24/7 facilitating active supervision, assisting in the daily care while documenting their observations. A final report is sent to the Juvenile Court with recommendations for consideration in long term case planning.

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

The Juvenile Court authorizes a youth's voluntary placement at Harkins House in response to an alleged violation of the law, alleged violation of conditional release or alleged violation of probation.

The youth's involvement in all aspects of the program is vital to their success. All program residents are expected to participate in structured and unstructured parts of the program such as school, program outings, counseling services (individual and family), recreational activities, facility chores and daily housekeeping.

VISITING: Parents, legal guardians, attorneys, clergy, and other significant adults related to the youth's planning can be allowed to visit on-site. A list of approved visitors will be developed at intake. Siblings and relatives aged 13-20 may not visit and are asked not to enter the facility. This practice helps to ensure as much confidentially as possible for residents. On-site visiting is permitted regardless of youth's level or behavioral status (restriction) in program. Visiting hours are daily from 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Visitors are advised to call on weekends prior to visiting to ensure youth are at the facility. On-Site Visiting Expectations:

ALL visitors must sign in and out at the front desk.
Visiting takes place downstairs in identified areas.
Youth are not allowed access to electronic devices, outside food, drinks, gum or candy.

All items brought in for visits are subject to search.
Only Service Animals are permitted inside the facility.
No weapons of any kind are allowed in the facility.

PROGRAM SERVICES

ON-SITE SCHOOL: An on-site school program is provided in collaboration with the Hillsboro School District. All residents are required to participate in educational programming. This may include on-site school, GED preparation, or post-educational or vocational activities. School programming is tailored to individualized needs based upon assessment.

COUNSELING SERVICES: Harkins House offers opportunities for individual counseling, cognitive behavioral/life skills groups, as well as other various treatment groups. On-site counseling services are provided to the youth by Graduate Level Interns. As part of a youth's planning referrals may be made to outside community agencies for treatment. This could include but is not limited to family counseling, mental health services, psychological evaluations and/or drug and alcohol treatment.

GROUP TREATMENT: All residents participate in groups designed to improve cognitive skills and develop life skills. Groups are typically facilitated Sunday – Friday. All youth are expected to participate. The goal of these groups is to assist youth in developing the skills necessary to be successful in the community and to decrease future involvement with the justice system. Group curricula utilized are research-based and selected to target risk factors common to the population Harkins House serves. Specific topics include emotional regulation, communication skills, social skill development, moral reasoning and decision making, and high-risk behaviors.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES: Educational outings, recreational activities and community events are also offered. These activities are designed to enhance physical development and teach cooperation-compromise within the peer group and expose youth to pro-social activities within their community.

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION: The program's mission is to promote growth in youth and their families. As a program we recognize the importance of parental input, involvement and support. It is vital that parents and family support networks work together with the program to provide youth the greatest chance at success in the program. Parents are expected to continue

providing support for the needs of their child (i.e. provide transportation to appointments, attend court hearings and assist with medical needs).

MAJOR RULES

The goal of Harkins House is to provide everyone with a safe environment. As youth spend more time in the program they will become more familiar with the daily structure and expectations. Major rules of the program are as follows:

No youth will engage in assaultive behaviors. This includes, but is not limited to fighting, threats of violence, intimidation or any other action that can cause harm to another person.
Youth will not use or possess alcohol, drugs or medications not prescribed to them.
Youth will not destroy program property or property belonging to another person.
Youth will not engage in physical contact with other residents, this includes kissing, fondling, hand holding, cuddling, isolating yourself with another resident, horseplay and other such behaviors.
Youth will not be out of staff supervision without permission. This includes, running away, hiding from staff or leaving an area without permission.

Failure to comply with these expectations can result in consequences such as loss of points, loss of privileges, restriction status, being sent back to detention and/or additional criminal charges if appropriate.

PROGRAM PRIVILEGES

Harkins House uses a behavioral level system to measure youth's willingness and ability to follow program expectations. Each day youth will have the opportunity to earn points towards progressing through the levels. As a youth progresses through the 5 level system their privileges within the program increase. Earned incentives, called STARS, offer residents the opportunity to earn extra phone calls, family time hours, small trinkets, and extra off-site activities.

FAMILY TIME: Off-site family time is earned based upon program level status. It must be arranged one day in advance by the youth. The parent/guardian must directly supervise the youth at all times during these outings. Family time must be scheduled between 3:00pm and 7:00pm on weekdays, 7am – 8:00pm on Saturdays and 7:00am – 7:00pm on Sundays.

PHONE CALLS: Youth are allowed phone privileges based on their level status in the program. Calls to Juvenile Counselors, Attorneys and other relevant professionals do not count towards a youth's earned phone calls. Outgoing calls are at resident discretion. Incoming calls are limited to adults identified on the approved visitors list. Phone calls are NOT recorded and are free of charge. When necessary, calls may be supervised by program staff.

WALKS: Youth on the highest level may receive thirty minute unsupervised walks in the community.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PERSONAL PROPERTY: Youth are encouraged to keep personal belongings to a minimum. Items of great value are highly discouraged. All property brought in will be searched and checked in and documented. Youth are not allowed to share, give away, sell or trade property with other youth.

Harkins House is not responsible for lost or damaged items. If an item of property is reported stolen, Staff will attempt to recover the item through investigation and/or room searches. However, we cannot guarantee it will be found. Not checking property in, trading it or sharing may result in the loss of the property. If youth runaway or are terminated from the program staff do their best to gather up all of your property. However, we are not responsible for items that are not able to be located.

Laundry facilities and detergents are provided on-site. In general a two week supply of clothing is sufficient. Workout clothing and a swim suit is also recommended for outings to the community center.

The following brands of clothing are not allowed at any time: Solos, Ben Davis, Dickies, South Pole, DGK, Taylor Gang. Clothing, belt buckles, or jewelry depicting/glamorizing drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gangs, firearms, sexually explicit material, or innuendo are not allowed in the program or to be worn by youth.

TOILETRIES:

Parents are responsible for providing:

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| Toothbrush/toothpaste | Shower flip flops |
| Shampoo/Conditioner | Deodorant |
| Feminine Hygiene Items | Razors |

Harkins House will provide sheets, blankets and towels to youth. These items cannot be brought from home due to sanitary issues.

MEDICATION: All medication needs to be given to staff and must be accompanied with written instructions from the prescribing doctor. All medication will be dispensed according to the instructions on the container. Parents are responsible for refilling prescriptions. Over-the-counter medicine must be new and unopened when brought to the program.

ASSISTANCE: Residents without the resources to provide clothing and toiletries may receive help from the program. Some clothing is available to be borrowed, based on the immediate need of the resident.

For more information contact:

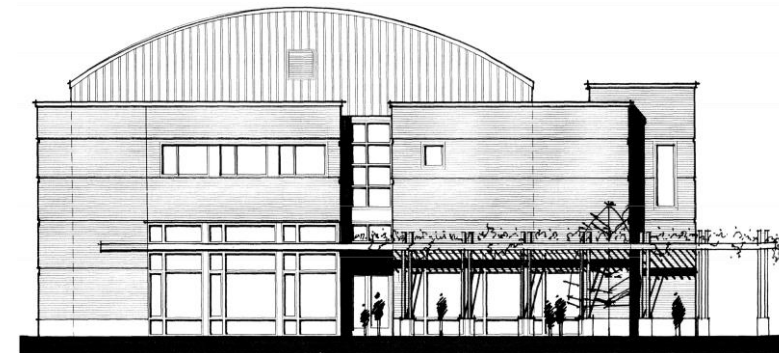
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MISSION

To Promote Growth In Youth and Their Family.