



ARMS OF LOVE FOSTER CARE'S **SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM**

PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The Arms of Love Supportive Housing Program provides individuals with life skills, support and guidance during the program. This program is designed for unmarried females who are aging out of the foster care system who are committed to achieving independent living. The program will focus on overall well-being and support each participant in achieving well-being in the areas of social, physical/mental, community, financial and career. All participants are expected to follow these requirements and guidelines as a condition for living on the property and participating in the supportive housing program.

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS

Individuals interested in participating in the supportive housing program are required to fill out an application, interview and submit at least three references. If accepted in the program, the participant will meet with their Arms of Love (AOL) Program Specialist to go over detailed program guidelines.

ELIGIBILITY

- Completing and passing a background check
- Participating weekly in our mentoring program
- Taking steps towards a future career by following plan made with AOL Program Specialist
- Showing growth on goals set with Program Specialist
- Enrolling in school or training program, and gaining experience in your selected career field
- Passing classes and attending classes (low to no unexcused absences)
- Signing releases to allow AOL Program Specialist access to school performance and status
- Being substance free and alcohol free
- Being willing to be abstinent during the program
- Following all Housing Project's Guidelines and Agreements

Program Components & Expectations:

1. Supportive Housing-

Participants will agree to live with other participants and a live-in Arms of Love Coach. Participants will be required to participate in regular house community nights. Each participant will have weekly household responsibilities. Participants are expected to communicate with roommates, treat all housemates with respect as well as comply with requests of the AOL Coach.

2. Case management-

Participants will be required to meet monthly with their program specialist to set goals. Participants must be doing the steps agreed upon with their worker as well show growth and progress on goals.

3. Life Skills Training -

Participants must attend monthly classes to equip each participant with life skills that will help them be successful independent adults.

4. Mentoring -

Participants must meet with a mentor from our program weekly

5. Counseling -

Participants will be offered regular counseling and are expected to be present for appointments and will be charged a fee of \$25 they do not show up to the in-home appointment. If participant needs to miss a counseling session/group they must inform their program specialist and AOL coach.

6. Bible Studies-

Bible studies will be offered in the home setting and participation is highly encouraged. There will be monthly incentives available through participation.

If the program specialist does not feel as though the participant is fulfilling the expectations of the program, the participant will be given a warning and 30 days to meet the program's expectations. If the participant is not able to make the adjustments within that timeframe, they will be asked to leave the program.

Transportation is not provided during this program. Participant is responsible for finding transportation to and from appointments, work and events. The AOL Program Specialist can assist in locating transportation resources.

HOUSING AGREEMENTS

Rent

Rent starts at \$250 a month. Rent payments are due on 1st of every month. **If rent is received after the 7th of the month, a \$10 late fee will be added to each day it is past due starting on the 7th day of the month.** If rent will be paid another date, this must be arranged with the program specialist before the 1st of the month. Rent more than 30 days past due will result in an immediate move-out.

Security Deposit

A security deposit of \$100 will be due at move-in. You will get your entire security deposit back when you move-out if there is no damage to the room, the room is clean, and all keys are returned. **A written notice or email must be given to the program specialist 30 days before move-out to receive a full security deposit refund.**

Utilities

Utilities are included in the price of the rent. Please keep all windows and doors closed if the AC/heat unit is on. If utility charges become too expensive due to over usage, the participant will be charged an extra utility fee. The additional costs will be added to the following month's rent and will be due when the monthly rent is due. You will be notified of any additional charges on your rent.

Curfew

All participants must be in the home from the hours of 11pm-6am. If situations arise where participant must be out later than 11pm or leave before 6am, participant must inform the AOL Coach and get approval from the program specialist. Overnights away from the home will need to be approved by Housing staff and notified in advance so the AOL Coach is made aware.

Guests

Guests of the opposite gender are **not allowed** on the property. All guests must be approved by the program specialist before allowed on the property, this can be done by completing a guest request form. No guests are permitted between the hours of 11 pm and 6 am. Room doors must be kept open if guest is present. Participants are expected to be present with guest at all times. Participant will have to pay for all damages, theft, or other loss caused by their guests.

Participants are required to provide roommates advance notice of any guest brought in the home.

Facility Care

You must keep your rooms clean as well as help keep the common areas clean.

Decorations must be approved by the AOL Coach before being put up.

Participants will be required to pay for any damages they or their guests cause.

Participants must report any damages or things not working correctly immediately to the AOL Coach so that repairs may be made. The AOL Coach will give out cleaning supplies and household supplies to participants. **If donated supplies are not available, participants must purchase their own.**

House Keys

Participants will be given housing keys when they move-in.

Participants must not duplicate keys. If keys are lost, participant will have to pay for the replacement of key as well as the cost of locksmith changing the locks.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All program participants will agree to abide by the ABCS core values which guides all we do in this ministry. We aim to honor God in all we do, build relationships through trust and respect, be good stewards of what we have been given and do everything with excellence. Participant understands that they can immediately be dismissed from the program if any code of conduct is broken.

Honor God in All We Do

Our program to provide hope and care is structured through our faith in Jesus Christ. We aim to honor God in all we do at Arizona Baptist Children's Services, including how we operate this home.

Build Relationships of Trust and Respect

We believe that it is important to have clear communication in the home and that this is what helps build relationships of trust and respect. Therefore, we ask that participants:

- Inform their Program Specialist and AOL Coach of all prescribed medications they are taking as we help support you in taking good care of your body
- Agree to room inspections by AOL Coach or Program Specialist.
- Be open to conducting drug-screening tests when requested by Housing Staff.
- Maintain the safety of roommates by not threatening others' life or safety
- Handle conflicts with roommates, volunteers and staff in a mature and non-combative way
- Communicate with house staff if someone is observed breaking any community standards

Be a Good Steward of What We Have Been Given

We believe that it is important to steward what we are given well. This includes this home, our belongings as well as our bodies. Therefore, we ask that participants:

- Be free of drugs, vapes, marijuana (medicinal included), drug related paraphernalia and all mind-altering substances to ensure you are utilizing time in program to the best of your ability and are knowledgeable about what you are putting into your body
- Be free of alcohol while participating in this program
- Are educated on what they are putting into their bodies and only taking over the counter drugs in a prescribed manner
- Be free of weapons, firearms and replicas and not being items in the home that could be a danger to others.
- Actively engage in creating healthy and safe relationships in this program as well as abstaining from all sexual activity.

Do Everything with Excellence

We believe it is a privilege to be part of this program and want to be excellent in all that we do. Since we believe in you and want your success, we ask that participants:

- Make progress and growth on goals set in the program
- Enroll in school and/or career related experiences

- Abide by all tenants of the participant guidelines and avoid fees being added to rent
- Encourage roommates to also abide by the community standards

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I have read and I understand the Program Guidelines and Participation Agreements. I understand and agree to abide by the rules described above. As a participant if I violate any of these expectations or development process with my Arms of Love Program Specialist, I understand I may also be placed on program probation, and/or exited from the program. I agree to leave housing when given written notice if I am not meeting program requirements.

I understand that my participation in this program is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from the program at any time. I understand that if I withdraw from the program, I will lose all privileges provided to me by my participation in the program. If I choose to leave the program, I will notify my Arms of Love Program Specialist in writing of my 30 days' notice.

<p>Agreed upon Move in Date: _____</p> <p>Security Deposit _____</p> <p>1st Month's Rent _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">_____ Total Due at Move in</p>
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Participant Printed Name	Participant Signature	Date
Program Specialist Printed Name	Program Specialist Signature	Date

AOL Coach Printed Name

AOL Coach Signature

Date

PURITY AGREEMENT

I, _____, as a participant in the Arms of Love Supportive Housing Program, agree to comply with the Purity Agreement as outlined below.

- I will not engage in sexual relations while enrolled in the Arms of Love Supportive Housing Program.
- I will NOT be in a romantic relationship with any other participant of the program.
- I understand that violating any of these standards may be grounds for dismissal from the program

Please be aware that the Arms of Love Supportive Housing Program desires each participant to have healthy relationships with themselves and each other. This program is a temporary time where participants can focus on their growth and personal goals. We believe that agreeing to this Purity Agreement will enable your success in the Arms of Love program and for your transition into independent living.

I certify that I understand the standards of the purity agreement and the requirements to participate in the Arms of Love Supportive Housing Program and agree to adhere to these standards.

Participant Signature

Date

Program Specialist Signature

Date

PROGRAM PROMOTION CONSENT

I hereby authorize and release Arizona Baptist Children's Services, its successors and assigns, to reproduce, circulate and use my likeness as well as my recorded statements, for promotion, education, fundraising and advertising in connection with its business. I understand that my action is voluntary and in no way necessary to receive or continue to receive services from the agency.

I prefer that: (check one)

First names only be used

A fictitious name be used

No name at all be used

Printed Participant Name

Participant Signature

Date

DRUG TEST/SCREENING

I, _____ agree to cooperate with Arizona Baptist Children's Services when asked to do random drug tests, conducted on the premises or at Concentra for drug use screening. The tests will be at the expense of Arizona Baptist Children's Services.

I also understand that if there is suspicion or evidence of my using any drugs or alcohol while I am a participant of the Arms of Love Supportive Housing Program, I will be dismissed immediately from the program and forfeit any further housing credits.

Participant Signature

Date

Program Specialist Signature

Date

CONFIDENTIALITY

Agency Responsibilities:

The privacy and confidentiality of every participant is of utmost concern of Arizona Baptist Children’s Services. All personnel are committed to maintaining the highest ethical and professional standards of confidentiality and privacy. However, Arizona laws require reporting in the following situations:

- Information verbalized or implied that indicates there is a direct or indirect threat to one’s safety, the safety of someone in a tenant’s care, or that of another individual.
- If there is suspected abuse of a minor child.
- If there is suspected drug sales or use.
- If there is suspected criminal or illegal activity

Agency Information and Decisions:

In addition, Arms of Love Supportive Housing Program personnel reserve the right to freely share all participant information with the statewide director and supervisory staff of Arizona Baptist Children’s Services, which has ultimate authority to decide all matters pertaining to Arms of Love Supportive Housing Program.

I understand the following confidentiality and agency responsibilities.

Participant Signature

Date

Program Specialist Signature

Date