



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

### **PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

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 at the Arms of Love Home and participating in the Arms of Love (AOL) Supportive Housing Program.

#### **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 Home Support Team
- 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 Support Team access to school performance and status
- Being substance free and alcohol free
- Being willing to be abstinent during the program
- Following all AOL Home Program Expectations, Housing Agreements and Code of Conduct.
- Participant is responsible for finding transportation to and from appointments, work and events

# PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

## PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

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) Support Team to go over detailed program guidelines.

**1. Supportive Housing-**

Participants will agree to live with other participants and a live-in Arms of Love Resident Assistant (RA). Participants will be required to participate in weekly house meetings. Each participant will have weekly household responsibilities. Participants are expected to communicate with the AOL Home Support Team, follow all AOL Housing Agreements, and the Code of Conduct.

**2. Coaching-**

Participants will be required to meet weekly with their AOL Coach, unless otherwise specified. Participants will meet weekly with the Coach to address goals for success such as: productivity hours, work and school schedules, grades, banking account balances and 10% savings account status along with any other updates that align with the participants overall goals. Participants must show growth and progress on their individually set goals.

**3. Life Skills Training -**

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

**4. AOL Mentoring -**

Participants must meet weekly with their program mentor.

**Counseling -** *(Offered not required)*

Participants are offered regular counseling sessions and are expected to be present for appointments. If participant needs to miss a counseling session, they must inform their counselor.

**Bible Studies -** *(Offered not required)*

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

## HOUSING AGREEMENTS

### **Rent**

Rent starts at \$250 a month. Rent payments are due on 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. **If rent is received after the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month, a \$10 late fee will be added to each day it is past due starting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the month.** If rent will be paid another date, this must be arranged with the AOL Program Specialist before the 1<sup>st</sup> 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/Internet**

Utilities (gas, electric, water, security system and landscaping) 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. Internet is not a utility but a privilege and becomes unavailable nightly at midnight.

### **Curfew**

All participants must be in the home from the hours of 11:30pm-5am. If situations arise where participant must be out later than 11:30pm or leave before 5am, participant must get approval from the AOL Support Team as well as inform the AOL RA. Overnights away from the home will need to be approved in advance by the AOL Support Team.

### **Guests**

Participant will have to pay for all damages, theft, or other loss caused by their guests. Participants are required to provide housemates advance notice of any guest brought in the home. 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.

### **Facility Care**

You must keep your rooms as well as the common areas clean. You will responsible for passing weekly room and common area inspections. Decorations must be approved before being put up. Participants must report any damages or things not working correctly immediately to the AOL Support Team. Cleaning and household supplies will be provided to participants.

### **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 guide 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 will 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 AOL Coach and Support Team of all prescribed medications they are taking as we support you in taking good care of your body
- Agree to room inspections by AOL Support Team
- Be open to conducting drug-screening tests when requested by AOL Support Team
- 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 AOL Support Team 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
- Encourage roommates to also abide by the community standards
- Show appreciation and gratitude for the community around you

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AGREEMENT**

As a participant I understand that if I violate any of these expectations, I may be placed on program probation, and/or immediately dismissed from the program. If I am placed on probation and do not make the agreed upon adjustments, I agree to leave housing when given written notice.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the following:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Program Expectations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Housing Agreements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Code of Conduct

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 Support Team in writing of my 30 days' notice.

<b>Agreed upon Move in Date:</b> _____	
Security Deposit	_____
1 <sup>st</sup> Month's Rent	_____
	_____ <b>Total Due at Move in</b>

<b>Participant Printed Name</b>	<b>Participant Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Program Specialist Printed Name</b>	<b>Program Specialist Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>AOL Coach Printed Name</b>	<b>AOL Coach Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

## SEASON OF SINGLENESS AGREEMENT

During the first months in the Arms of Love Supportive Housing Program, participants are asked to commit to a season of singleness to have a purposeful time to focus on themselves. For 8 months you will be exploring your strengths, your boundaries and learning about healthy relationships.

This season of singleness will enable you to focus on your goals as well as the most important relationship in your life – **the relationship with yourself!** You are worthy, loved and God has such a great plan for your life! We pray this time will be fruitful as you evaluate and cultivate convictions in regard to your emotional, mental, spiritual and physical health.

During this time there will be lessons on relationships, boundaries, purity, and personal strengths. Completion of each item below will be mandatory if you desire to date while living in the Arms of Love Supportive Housing Program.

- 90 days of probationary period/assimilating into the program
- 5 months to work on goals in all areas of well-being
- Completion of courses on boundaries, purity, relationships and self-awareness.
- Compose a written copy of personal boundaries for mentor to support you in

Dating is defined as but not limited to spending one on one time with someone of the opposite gender or someone who you have romantic feelings towards. This includes car rides, movies, restaurants, consistent time on video and anything that would allow you time alone. Relationships are important, God created us to be in community with one another and we are so honored to walk this journey out alongside you!

By signing this agreement:

I understand and agree to utilize these 8 months of singleness to focus on me and my relationship with myself.

I agree to abstain from all forms of dating during these first 8 months.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Participant 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 engage in watching pornographic material while enrolled in the 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

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.

If I engage in the offered counseling services I acknowledge and consent to the exchange of information between Arms of Love Supportive Housing Program Staff and New Life Counseling Staff regarding my progress and on an as needed basis

**I understand the following confidentiality and agency responsibilities.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Program Specialist Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date