



Residential Agreement

Welcome to The Bridge at Home Sweet Home Ministries. Our goal is to provide a safe, stable, and dignified environment for all our residents. Please be advised that The Bridge is a temporary shelter; therefore, you do not have any tenancy rights. Home Sweet Home Ministries reserves the rights to have any individual suspended from services and/or banned from property for disregarding safety policies and guidelines.

The Bridge at Home Sweet Home Ministries is a supportive and safe environment. Therefore:

1. Residents must keep their assigned space clean. All personal belongings must be stored inside an individual sleeping cabin or storage bins provided. Please be advised that your belongings may be subject to inspection for safety purposes. Additionally, littering is not allowed; therefore, please throw away trash in the proper bins and keep all shared spaces clean for everyone.
 - Residents are not permitted to obtain more personal items than the amount allotted at intake. Additionally, only HSHM-issued furniture is allowed; outside furniture is not permitted.
 - HSHM staff reserves the right to inspect your belongings and/or sleeping cabin periodically or for any given reason.
2. Residents are expected to respect staff, fellow residents, and property at all times. Any form of violence, threats, harassment, or unsafe behavior will not be tolerated and may lead to suspension of services.
3. Residents are expected to be good neighbors and contribute to the overall wellbeing of the neighborhood; therefore, panhandling and related activities are considered unsafe behavior. Residents must refrain from any panhandling activities within a one-mile radius of The Bridge.
4. The possession, use, or distribution of drugs, alcohol, or related paraphernalia is prohibited on the premises. If a resident is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol while on the premises and not engaging in unsafe behavior or causing a disturbance, the resident will be asked to stay in their sleeping cabin. If the resident's behavior escalates and cannot engage safely, they will be asked to leave or potentially have services suspended.
 - Each sleeping cabin will be provided with a fire extinguisher; however, the use of lighters, candles, matches, etc. is strictly prohibited in sleeping cabins.

- Smoking/vaping is prohibited in sleeping cabins. Please only smoke/vape in the designated areas.
5. Residents are permitted to have guests on the premises; however, no guests are permitted in sleeping cabins at any time to ensure the safety and privacy of all residents. Residents must provide staff with their guest's information prior to the visit and agree to sign a Release of Information. Visits must be scheduled at least 5 (five) business days in advance. Weekend visits are not permitted; however, exceptions are approved at the discretion of the Residential Manager.
 - Guests are expected to leave the property no later than 8:30 pm.
 - Please note that quiet hours (11:00 pm-4:30 am) are Monday-Friday.
 6. Residents who have not had any contact with HSHM staff after 3 days will be exited and are subject to rescreen. Repeated exits may disqualify residents for future shelter services.
 7. Confidentiality at The Bridge is imperative. Staff will not disclose to anyone without authorization a resident's status, residential or otherwise. Personal information obtained from interaction with other residents should be kept confidential. Please respect the privacy of other residents.
 8. Pets are permitted upon intake with approval. Residents may have no more than two (2) pets at a time on the premises. Pet owners must maintain responsibility for the care and cleanliness of their pets at all times. Additionally, pets must be leashed when not in individual sleeping cabins or in designated off leash area. Pets must be up to date on all required vaccinations. Home Sweet Home Ministries reserves the right to have pets removed from the premises for any given reason.
 9. Residents must meet with the Support Services team for case management at least once per month.

This agreement has been written with your safety and well-being in mind; therefore, if you ever feel as though you've been discriminated against by HSHM staff and/or other residents, please ask about completing a client grievance form. The Director of Client Services reviews all grievances and will be happy to meet with you to address any concerns.

I have read this agreement and/or it has also been explained to me. By signing below, I acknowledge understanding the contents in its entirety and agree to work within the program framework. I understand that failure to adhere to these standards could result in a suspension from services.

Resident Signature _____

Date_____