



WE Center

Transitional Living Program

OUR MISSION

The mission of WE Center is to be a catalyst for people willing to participate in their transformation. We accomplish our mission by: providing affordable, short-term housing, and the necessary training, education, counseling, and preparation needed that fosters personal, behavioral, and spiritual growth and enrichment.

THE GOAL

The goal of the transition program is to help students become as independent as possible. This includes securing competitive integrated employment and an independent, drug and violence free, progressive lifestyle.

OUR PROGRAM

The three (3) month program is designed to develop, train, educate, and prepare each client for independent living. After an initial assessment, each client receives a detailed specific plan that provides the necessary basic training, education, counseling, and preparation needed to pursue their career and life goals.

Transition students learn to improve interpersonal skills, interview and gain employment, budget earnings, make purchases, behave appropriately in different settings, follow directions, and more. As they make progress, students fine-tune their work abilities, determine job preferences, and learn to work with growing independence.

Personal, Behavioral and Spiritual Support & Development

- Life skills training and support
- Critical thinking & reasoning skills counseling
- Budget and financial management training
- Links to other existing community-based health, mental health and social services
- Values and faith development
- Service to others; commitment to community service and volunteerism

Work Experience/Career Development

- Carpenter's Daughter Apprenticeship Programs (CDAP) - **vocational construction apprenticeships** with comprehensive training in all aspects of residential construction including:
 1. Construction Introductory Classes
 2. Project Management
 3. Electrical, HVAC, & Plumbing Courses & Training
 4. General Carpentry
 5. Residential Rough & Trim Framing
 6. Masonry
 7. Drywall
 8. Cabinetry
 9. Flooring
 10. Floor / Wall / Roof Systems
 11. Landscaping

12. Blueprints

13. Landscaping Design & Installation

- Transitional jobs strategy
- Work experience program
- On-the-Job Training & Employment
- **Computer Training Programs** - programs designed to teach/enhance computer skills specific to each individuals needs:
 1. **Typing** – Correct, proficient typing skills using all ten fingers
 2. **Word Processing** – Using a text editing application, such as Notepad or Word, to write and modify text
 3. **Presentations** – Creating engaging, visual presentations using applications like PowerPoint
 4. **Graphics/Audio** – Creating and manipulating visual & audio elements using audio and video editing software
 5. **Spreadsheets** – Using applications, such as Excel, to input, edit, calculate, and manipulate numbers and data

HOUSING

- Short-term housing approach with affordable rent
- Sober/drug free environment
- Focus on; “taking care of ourselves, each other, and taking care of our residence”
- Preparation for permanent, independent housing

WE Center creates an environment that encourages personal transformation, mutual respect, and responsible community living. To maintain this sense of community, we have three residential guidelines for all occupants of our housing program.

WE take care of ourselves

- WE must be clean/sober for at least six months before admission, and must remain free of drugs and alcohol while residing here.
- WE are involved in at least two auxiliary productive activities (computer training, architectural design, chess, landscaping, photography, videography, audio recording & editing, church activities, etc.).
- WE continue to address our physical, emotional, social, financial and spiritual needs and goals.
- WE maintain sober and healthy lifestyles. Smoking is PROHIBITED While enrolled in the program
- WE attend weekly and monthly mutual accountability sessions with the Program Manager.

WE take care of each other

- WE attend the weekly and monthly community meetings.
- WE conform to the house rules; guests are welcomed anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 pm and are always accompanied by the host. Bedrooms are off limits to guests.
- WE make sure no illegal activity occurs on the premises, and we respect the drug, alcohol, weapon, and pornography free environment. If there is an indication of a policy violation, we understand that our personal property is subject to inspection and inappropriate property is subject to confiscation.
- WE do not borrow/lend money or sell/buy anything from each other.
- WE do not fight and we refrain from profanity.

WE take care of this place

- WE pay the agreed upon rent by the fifth day of each month. If we do not pay on time and do not make arrangements ahead of time to pay differently, it is understood that we are moving out by the fifth day of the month.
- WE maintain orderly and clean rooms, laundry on our assigned day, clean the kitchen, dining room and bathroom after ourselves, and help out with general cleaning chores as indicated.
- WE play radios, stereos and TVs at a volume that doesn't disturb others, and turn off all appropriate electrical equipment and lights when leaving any area.
- WE report and replace any missing property or equipment that becomes damaged by our actions or the actions of any guest that we invite.

Any resident who becomes uncooperative, unable or unwilling to follow these expectations can move to a setting that may better suit their needs.