

TSI CARES FOUNDATION – EMPOWER PROGRAM

Residential Compliance Rules & Acknowledgment Form

For Residents Ages 18–22 Enrolled in the Independent Living Program

1. Curfew Policy

- Weekday Curfew (Sunday–Thursday): All residents must be on campus and checked in by 10:00 PM, unless working or attending an approved school or program-related activity (documented in advance).
- Weekend Curfew (Friday-Saturday): 12:00 AM curfew applies unless pre-approved for an extended pass.
- Late Returns must be reported to the IL Manager prior to curfew; excessive or undocumented violations may result in disciplinary action.

2. Substance-Free Environment

- Zero Tolerance for Alcohol or Drugs: Possession, consumption, or distribution of alcohol, illegal drugs, or unauthorized medications on campus is strictly prohibited. Medical marijuana cards must be obtained and on person at all times.
- Drug Testing: Random drug screenings may be conducted. A positive test or refusal to comply will result in an intervention plan or possible discharge.
- Prescription Medication must be declared and secured as directed by staff; misuse will be treated as a policy violation.

3. Resident Conduct Expectations

Residents must uphold respectful and responsible behavior at all times. This includes:

General Conduct

- Respect: All residents, staff, and visitors must be treated with dignity and respect.
- No Violence or Threats: Physical altercations, threats, intimidation, or harassment (verbal or physical) are grounds for disciplinary action and possible removal.
- Cleanliness: Personal and shared living areas must be kept clean and orderly. Weekly room checks will be conducted.
- Noise Control: Quiet hours are from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM daily. Music, conversations, and activities must be kept at respectful volumes at all times.

Visitors

- Visitor Hours: Daily from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM; all visitors must sign in and be approved by staff.
- Overnight Guests: Strictly prohibited.

Accountability: Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests.

Dress Code

• Attire must be clean and appropriate for a shared living space. No gang-related or offensive imagery is permitted.

4. Participation Requirements

- Residents must actively participate in all assigned programming, including day programming, skillsa training, Success Coaching sessions, and life skills classes.
- Absences must be reported in advance with valid documentation (e.g., work schedule, illness).
- Employment and educational progress must be reported monthly to designated staff.

5. Property & Safety Rules

- No Weapons: Possession of firearms, knives, or any weapon-like objects is forbidden.
- Fire Safety: Tampering with smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, security cameras, or exits is a major infraction.
- Security: Entry doors must remain locked; keycards/keys must not be shared. Lost keys must be reported immediately.

6. Disciplinary Process

Violations of residential rules will result in the following graduated responses:

- 1. Verbal Warning or Counseling Session
- 2. Written Warning with Corrective Plan
- 3. Probationary Status: Restricted access to incentives, trips, or workforce programming.
- 4. Suspension or Discharge from Residential Program

Major violations (e.g., violence, drug use, weapons possession) may result in immediate discharge.

Resident Acknowledgment Form

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the EMPOWER Residential Compliance Rules. I agree to abide by these policies and understand that failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, including possible discharge from the program.

Resident Name (Print):	
Resident Signature:	Date:
Staff Name (Print):	
Staff Signature:	Date: