MOTHER'S NEST

PROGRAM SUMMATION

Mother's Nest Independent Housing Program is dedicated to supporting women (with children) who are survivors of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. This comprehensive housing initiative offers 1-2 years of safe and stable housing, coupled with a range of wrap-around services designed to foster life transformation and long-term sustainability.

The eligibility process includes a referral from a reputable agency that includes verifiable information and documentation, a pre-admissions assessment and a final admissions interview. Eligibility will be determined based on information provided by the referring agency and the guest, with Mother's Nest verifying the guest's stability and ability to function primarily within an independent housing model that includes accountability and accessibility to supportive staff and participation in all house and case management expectations.

Safety and security are of utmost importance to Mother's Nest. Please see the following basic eligibility requirements:

- Guests are not allowed to have contact or involvement with their trafficker (prior or current.)
- Guests are not allowed to share their location with former traffickers, their children's father, family members, or anyone that is not on an approved contact list.
- Guests cannot have a history of violent criminal charges/records, especially concerning children. (Prerequisite: already established legal counsel and/or services for any criminal history that includes mandates, probation/parole, and/or the process of expungement for the purpose of obtaining/maintaining employment.)
- Guests cannot be in active addiction (Prerequisite: completion of a substance abuse program and have an active sponsor prior to being approved for housing at Mother's Nest.)
- Guests cannot have chronic and persistent mental health issues that include diagnoses that are untreated and unmanaged, preventing them from independent living and participation at Mother's Nest. (Prerequisite: mental health assessment, treatment, diagnoses, and medication management must be provided by already established mental health providers.)
- Guests will be required to obtain and maintain family sustaining employment within 30-90 days.
- Guests will be required to pay a program fee once employment is established. Fees will be based on guests Individual Service Plans and income percentages.
- Guests must meet specific house expectations and be able to work with the onsite Assistant Property Manager for the purposes of establishing and maintaining safety, security, and stability in the home and accountability to all programmatic requirements, as well as the Client Services Manager for the purposes of developing necessary life and parenting skills, nurturing healthy relationships, removing financial and legal barriers, participation in financial literacy and accountability, obtaining a valid driver's license and personal transportation, and working toward obtaining long-term sustainable housing.

Our goal is a continued focus on healing and personal development for the purpose of safety planning and harm/risk reduction as well as empowering guests to rebuild their lives, nurture and develop a healthy family unit, achieve financial independence, and create a healthy, strong community for themselves and their children. Through this program, we aim to provide the tools and support necessary for long-term success and well-being.