

Overcomers In Christ

Outreach Ministries, Inc.

House Rules

The OIC residential fellowship is for those who are able to care for themselves, and not a danger to themselves or others.

Program Fees

The program fee is \$125 per week except the first 30 days when fees are waived. Otherwise fees are due in full by 8:00p.m. Friday each week. Fees are accessed when any income is received in a week, either \$125 or ½ the income, whichever is less. This fee includes room, board, and all program elements. Transportation is available at additional costs. The program fee is not a rental fee, but rather a weekly program fee, so any violations of the rules may lead to discipline and/or a request to leave the house immediately. There is no rental relationship between the participant and OverComers In Christ so there are no rights to stay, except by abiding with all rules and directions of staff. Program fees are not refundable except for advance payments on future weeks. Advance payments are encouraged whenever possible.

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Food Stamp Card

Participants will sign up for food stamps as part of their program fee. A representative for OIC will be responsible for card and pin number until the participant leaves the program. The card will be returned at that time. All cards must be turned over to OIC representative. (This is a requirement of the State of Alabama and not OIC).

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Program Elements

The program includes daily Bible study and prayer, small groups, house meetings, O.I.C. recovery meetings, church attendance, and may include reading assignments and homework which are expected to be completed.

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Discipline

Participants are expected to behave in a mature adult manner, and at all times live in a manner consistent with residency in a faith-based Christian program of recovery. Participants are to follow all house rules listed in this document and others as may be instituted from time to time.

The Staff Servants (SS) are responsible for the safe and smooth operation of the house and for insuring that all participants follow all rules and attend designated meetings. The SSs have authority to request a drug test at will and if necessary recommend that any participant be asked to leave immediately for insobriety or excessive violation of the house rules or for generally not being willing to follow the spirit of the program of recovery.

Continued violations of House Rules will result in loss of privileges and will be brought before the staff committee.

If a participant has been asked to leave the program for whatever reason, participant agrees to immediately leave the premises. After that, participant has 48 hours to retrieve any remaining personal property. O.I.C. will not be responsible for the loss, theft, or destruction of property or other valuables. Participation in the program is at the participant's risk. If a participant is asked to leave and refuses, the police will be called.

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Hold Harmless

I, _____, have voluntarily asked to enter O.I.C. RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify OIC THE SOLUTION RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM, OverComers In Christ Outreach Ministries, The Ark Ministry Center, Grace Harvest Church, Golden Age Ministry, and any other Ministry Outreach in operation on these premises all their ministers, staff, volunteers, other residents, and directors from any injury or loss that I may incur either while on or off the premises or in any vehicles used by these ministries. I take full responsibility for my stay here.

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Transportation

Transportation is available at additional costs. All transportation requests must be made the day prior to need.

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Tobacco

There is no tobacco products of any kind are permitted. All entrants who use tobacco will be offered products to help them abstain from tobacco use..

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Alcohol and Drugs

No one will be allowed in the facility that is under the influence of alcohol or mood altering drugs. Neither alcohol nor illegal drugs can be brought onto the property. If they are found, they will be taken and not returned. The police will be called if illegal drugs are suspected.

Knowledge of another resident's use and not reporting it to a staff member is grounds for dismissal. Participants are subject to random drug and/or alcohol tests and property searches at any time. First-time positive drug or alcohol screen will result in a 7-day suspension.

All prescription and over-the-counter drugs must be logged in with Senior Staff. These items may not be shared with other participants. Prescription drugs must be purchased by participant and OIC will not be responsible for filling or refilling prescriptions.

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Weapons

Weapons are not allowed in the shelter or on the shelter property. All knives are considered weapons and must be given to shelter staff for safekeeping. Guns will be given to the police. Senior Staff will make the determination of what constitutes a weapon.

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Abusive, Aggressive, Violent, Inappropriate or Threatening Behavior

Aggressive behavior of any kind against anyone will not be tolerated for any reason. Physical or verbal attacks against anyone are not allowed. No inappropriate language, profanity, or loud noise will be permitted. No R- or X-rated movies to be rented or shown in the residence.

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Personal Hygiene

All participants must take responsibility for their personal belongings. Keep sleeping area clean daily. No belongings can be left out on a bed. All clothes should be hanging in the closet or folded in the drawer or in a box under the bed. All dresser and chest of drawer tops should be dusted and neatly kept. All shoes should be kept in the closet or under the bed. All beds must be made NEATLY every morning.

Showering daily and laundry is required. Only 2 loads of laundry will be done weekly. Laundry will be done by designated personnel only. No laundry will be done after 10:00p.m.

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Curfew

Participants must be in the dorm and must leave the building at times established and posted. Quiet time, Lights Out, and Lights On times have been established and posted. These times will be adhered to.

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Church Services

Participants must attend Sunday and Wednesday Church services as at the facility. Any exception to this must be approved by Bro. Robert Grice. No one else can give permission to miss these meetings or allow for attendance elsewhere.

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Meetings

Attendance at classes and meetings are required. No cell phones, headphones, or electronic devices will be allowed during the meetings the only exception is for hearing aids. Attention and participation is expected. No restroom breaks during meetings – go before or hold it until after.

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Work

No participants will be allowed to work outside the program for the first 30 days. After the first 30 days, approved work for outside employers is encouraged.

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House Phone

No use of the house phone unless given permission by Staff. Phone calls on the house phone are limited to 5 minutes each. No phone calls on house phone between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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Day and Overnight Passes

Participants must request a pass from their group leader only. Passes will only be granted for approved appointments with proof. Passes must be request the day prior to need. Overnight passes are an earned privilege! Written request with date, times, location and phone number where you can be reached must be turned in the week prior for staff committee approval.

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Cell Phones

All Cell phones will be surrendered to Staff. A schedule of permitted use will be posted. Cell phones may be checked out and used during these times only.

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Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment will not be tolerated.

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Medication

All medications must be turned in to staff and will be distributed at med call times. All medications are purchased at participant expense.

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Sick Call

Staff must be notified at lights on if you are sick. You are required to be confined to bed/bathroom in dorm area.

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Romantic Involvement

Participants may not date for the first 30 Days in the program, and thereafter only with the approval of Staff. Romantic involvement and /or sexual conduct with any participants, volunteers or staff members are prohibited. "Dating" will be defined at the discretion of Staff.

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Staff Facilities

Staff facilities are off limits unless the staff member is present.

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Dismissal

Participants may be dismissed from the program immediately for any of the following:

1. Possession of drugs or alcohol ON or OFF property, or failing a drug or alcohol test.
2. Threatening or violent behavior.
3. Theft.
4. Other good and just cause as determined by Senior Staff.

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Program rules and regulations are NOT NEGOTIABLE!

I have read, understand, and accept the terms above and agree to abide by any and all rules and directions given by the Program staff.

(Signature of Participant)

(Date)

(Senior Staff Signature)

(Date)