

## **Rules & Guidelines for Houses with Children And Visiting Children**

- 1) All parents should have completed an inpatient or combination of out/in treatment program, and with preferably at least 90 days clean.
- 2) All parents need to sign a written plan that will place the child with designated family member or an agency's care in the event of a relapse. A house member will contact the emergency contact to confirm that they agree to the plan.
- 3) Age limits should be considered for a child when voting in a new mother. Many house have used the guideline of no children of opposite gender of the home of teenager age and up to fourteen years old of the same gender of the house child
- 4) Parents may be asked to complete a parenting class while residing in the house.
- 5) All parents must be actively working a program of recovery and be maintaining all household responsibilities.
- 6) Children should be respected as house members
- 7) Parent is responsible for child's behavior at all times
- 8) Parent is responsible for cleaning up any messes made by their children in a timely manner
- 9) Parent should not be sleeping, if the child is awake
- 10) All house members should respect quiet time
- 11) Go to the parent if the child is acting inappropriately
- 12) It is ONLY the parent's responsibility to discipline the child in an appropriate manner. No corporal punishment (i.e. hitting, yelling, swearing or calling the child inappropriate names.) This is a program of change.
- 13) Children must respect other's rooms and boundaries (including common areas)
- 14) If a parent cannot contain a disruptive child within ten (10) minutes, the parent must take the child to their room or away from the common areas until the child has calmed down.
- 15) If multiple children are in the house at the same time, the parent's need to work together on any issues.
- 16) NO OVERNIGHT GUESTS – NO SEX IN THE HOUSE OR ANYWHERE ON THE PROPERTY!!

