

# The FRIENDSHIP Connection

Transitional Home for Chemically Dependant Female Ex-Offenders

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## THE FRIENDSHIP CONNECTION

Visitor's Agreement

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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The Friendship Connection was established in 1990 to assist "chemically dependent" female ex-offenders who are being released from the judicial or prison system. Since the program's inception, this agency has provided alcohol and drug treatment and residential services to more than 2,154 clients. Along with the provision of alcohol and drug services to the individuals, this agency strongly believes in reuniting the family unit. Positive support and involvement from the family unit/members is a key cornerstone to the recovery process.

You are welcome to visit your family member at The Friendship Connection.

This fact sheet should act as a guide and provide answers to questions that you have related to visitation privileges at The Friendship Connection.

### I Visitation Privileges

1. Prior to the scheduled visit, the individual must indicate their visitor(s)' name, telephone number and address on the Weekend Visitation Form. This process will assist the assigned counselor in arranging a pre-screening appointment with your visitor(s). A visit to the facility may be denied if a visitor(s) is deemed by the counselor to be contraindicative of the individual's treatment goals and objectives. Individuals are eligible to have a weekend visit at the facility, after completion of the eight working day orientation period.

2. Visitation privileges are designated to allow the individual's immediate family members (four per individual), i.e., parents, siblings, grandparents, husband, and uncle or aunt to visit the individual at The Friendship Connection. Visitors will be allowed visits with individuals on Saturday or Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

3. Upon entering The Friendship Connection, guests/visitors should sign the Visitors Confidentiality Agreement. Visitors should confine themselves to the front lobby area until the staff member informs your family member. Upon greeting your family member, please proceed to the cafeteria to begin your scheduled visit.

The guests/visitors are not permitted in the living quarters. Overnight guest are not permitted at the facility. Individuals are assured privacy with respect to visitors at the facility.

4. At each visit, the visitor(s) must sign and read the Visitor's Confidentiality Agreement. During your visit, please do not acknowledge nor discuss any clients that you see at The Friendship Connection, with any outside individual or family members. This policy is enforced in order for clients residing at The Friendship Connection to be assured Education - Drug/Alcohol Counseling - Employment - Aftercare

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privacy with respect to visitors at this facility.

5. **The Friendship Connection is a Smoke and Drug Free Zone.** No smoking, chewing tobacco, alcohol or drugs are permitted inside nor on the grounds of The Friendship Connection. Visitors are prohibited from visiting clients at this facility while under the influence of any mood altering chemicals and/or alcohol. Visitors found guilty of this provision will be asked to leave the facility and future visits to a client will be prohibited. The Director or representative of The Friendship Connection reserves the right to call the police to remove any visitor from The Friendship Connection who is violation of this Visitor's Agreement.

Visitors are asked to smoke outside in the front area of the building. Please place cigarette butts and trash in the proper receptors. Clients and visitors are asked not to sit on the brick wall in the front of the building. During your scheduled visit to The Friendship Connection, visitors are asked to confine your visit to the dining room or front area of the building. The bathroom marked "unisex" is designated for visitors.

## II Prohibited Items

1. The Friendship Connection prohibits any visitor(s) from bringing any electronic devices such as a camera, cam recorder, tape recorder, cellular phone, I pod or any recording devices on the grounds nor inside The Friendship Connection during scheduled visits. The items, if brought on the grounds or inside the building, will be confiscated and not returned to the visitor.

2. Packages including money, money orders, checks, food, clothes or household supplies should not be brought to individuals on visiting day without prior permission from the individual's counselor. Approved packages should be given to the staff member on duty (not client) at The Friendship Connection in order to be processed in and given to your family member. Clients are not allowed more than \$30.00 per week. A client is not allowed jewelry valued at more than \$50.00. If you decide to send money or items to the client via the mail, The Friendship Connection will not be responsible for the money or items not received by the client.

3. No weapons such as a gun, knife, bomb, or etc. are prohibited on the grounds and inside The Friendship Connection. The Director or representative of The Friendship Connection reserves the right to call the police in order to press charges against any visitor that violates this provision.

## III Family Education Program

Immediate family members may attend a Family Education Program on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. The class is located at the facility. The class will provide an overview of the 12 Step Program for Recovery, the family's role in the relapse process, the disease model, and the affects of the disease on the family unit. If you are interested in attending the class, please call Mary Ann Green, Counselor Supervisor the Tuesday before the scheduled class at 601-373-1533, ext. 306.

The Friendship Connection staff invites you to make a difference in the lives of our clients through your tax deductible contribution. If interested, please contact Terri Micou-Smith, Director at 601-373-1533, ext. 302.

As a visitor to The Friendship Connection, I hereby release the Center for Independent Learning, Inc., its agency, board of directors and employees from any and all claims and liabilities, including but not limited to, personal injury, and/or property damage or theft occurring during or related to any visits or client stay at The Friendship Connection.

Date

Signature of Visitor

Date

Client's Signature

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