

Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska Transitional Living Program Maternity Group Home TLP Philosophy

Philosophy

The Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska youth development philosophy views the adolescent on a passage from dependency to independence and self-sufficiency as a young adult. The key theme in our youth development approach is that youth are viewed as an intricate part of community building and family strengthening. Through education and the building of trusting relationships with mentors and other caring adults, the youth will gradually increase the number of health lifestyle choices that they make.

Target Population

The Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska Transitional Living Program (TLP) and Maternity Group Home TLP (MGHTLP) plans to provide a safe, stable environment for pregnant and parenting youth who are homeless due to lack of family ties, unsuccessful foster care, or a dysfunctional home environment. The TLP/MGHTLP program will provide long-term shelter for eligible youth (up to 21 months) and provide care and promote personal growth through education and independent living skills classes. The facility will be available for eligible individuals between the ages of 16 & 20 who have been identified as candidates for the TLP/MGHTLP program.

Program Objectives:

This program is organized and structured to encourage each resident to live a healthy lifestyle, provide a safe and stable home and progress according to their own desires, abilities and interests. Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska TLP/MGHTLP home's provide an environment that focuses on basic daily living activities such as personal care, job attainment, education advancement, interaction with peers and adults in a wide variety of situations and a wide variety of parenting and health issues. Methods of interaction include re-direction conflict resolution training, social skills training, positive reinforcement and independent living skills. The following is a list of the objectives of the Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Home TLP.

- A. To understand the rights and responsibilities of parenthood.
- B. To teach self-discipline and personal responsibility.
- C. To find and develop interests and abilities.
- D. To create incentive and desired to succeed.
- E. To provide each resident with the opportunity to excel and a chance for leadership.

- F. To teach the value of hard work and strive for satisfaction through achievement in completing work.
- G. To learn how personal interests can develop into employment opportunities.
- H. To provide opportunity for enjoyment and fun to help balance the academic and employment responsibilities.
- I. To help a resident understand the value of an individual, their feelings, their belongings and their contributions.
- J. To help understand and reduce the feeling of self-pity, bitterness and resentment.
- K. To create a n atmosphere of pride, loyalty, comradeship, and cooperation.
- L. To develop an ability to budget and plan for Independent life.

Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Home TLP Summary of Laws, Guidelines, and Expectations

Because we are member of society and a community, there are certain laws, guidelines and expectations that we must follow in life, when we step outside the boundaries of these laws, guidelines and expectations, there are consequences. Some consequences are annoying and convenient, while other consequences are severe and life changing. While you are a part of the Transitional Living Program or Maternity Group Home TLP you will be expected to follow these laws, guidelines, and expectations. We hope that you will choose to live within these boundaries and join our community.

All of these laws, guidelines, and expectations are designed with one purpose in mind, the health, safety, and well being of you and your children.

Laws:

Drug use is illegal. If drug use is suspected, we will do apartment searches and drug testing. We may also call the police to do a preliminary screening for drug use.

Alcohol is illegal for anyone under the age of 21. If alcohol use is suspected, we will do apartment searches and test for alcohol. We may also call the police to do a preliminary screening for alcohol use. Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska is an alcohol free agency. Because of this, we cannot have alcohol on the TLP/MGHTLP property at any time.

Smoking is illegal for anyone under the age of 18. Our Landlord (A & L Inc.) and our agency (Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska) have stipulated that our apartments and offices are “smoke free areas.” If you are 18 and over, you may smoke outside the buildings, if you are under 18 and are caught smoking on the property or in the buildings the police will be called.

Weapons are illegal for anyone under the age of 21. These include (but are not limited to) any type of gun, brass knuckles, switchblades, any knife with a blade over 3.5 inches long. Any weapon will be confiscated and turned over to the police.

Our main concern is the health, safety, and well being of you and your child. Any violation of law will result in severe consequences. This includes (but is not limited to) calling the police and/or the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and possible dismissal from the Transitional Living Program or the Maternity Group Home TLP.

Guidelines:

Apartment Living is a privilege. We will pay attention to the wishes of our Landlord (A & L Inc.) and comply with the terms of rental that they have asked for.

- 1. No smoking (by anyone) inside any of the buildings that are a part of the CAP of Western Nebraska Transitional Living Program and Maternity Group Home TLP.**
- 2. No pets (cats, dogs, fish, ferrets, gerbils and etc)**
- 3. Apartments need to be maintained in good condition. You will be responsible for any damages to your apartment that occurs. Staff does apartment checks for cleanliness.**
- 4. If you pay your rent after midnight on the fifth of the month (that it is due), \$25.00 will be deducted from you rent for a delinquent fee and put into the emergency fund.**

Apartment Size is a factor that we also need to be aware of. Because the apartments are small, we are asking that the number of guests at any time be limited, 1-3 guests per apartment is the guideline we are using. If you have **family** visiting from out of town, we will consider this on a pre-planned, pre-approved basis.

Apartment Security means that you provide a safe place for you and your child. This means that your apartment needs to be locked when you are not there. Also, no guests may be in your apartment when you are not present and there are to be

no overnight guests. (If you have family coming from out of town, we will consider this on a pre-planned, pre-approved basis).

Community Living is a responsibility. You have a responsibility to live in harmony with the other tenants and adjust your own life style (if necessary) to accommodate life within the community.

- 🗣️ Quite Down Time: Our community will be made up of young parents, small children, people needing to get up early to go to school or work, etc. In consideration for the community we are asking that you be in your apartments by 10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 12:00 a.m. Friday-Saturday. Please remember that children need consistent bedtime routines and sleep best in their own beds. Staying out late disrupts these important routines.
- 🗣️ You are not to have anyone in your apartment before 8:30 a.m. any day of the week, if you do have someone in your apartment and it was not pre-planned, pre-approved they will be considered to have spent the night and this is against the rules.
- 🗣️ Our independent living skill classes are done in your apartment, the dayroom in the office or the activities room at Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska office. It is requested of our residents to turn in their schedules each week to staff so that your most of your classes may be scheduled around your schedules.
- 🗣️ On Tuesday nights, we will have a group meeting time at the Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska activities room. We will use this time for Cooking/Nutrition class and a time for speakers in the community to come talk with our residents. Unless you are working or have a class during this time, you are expected to attend.
- 🗣️ If you are going to be gone overnight, please let staff know. It would be best if this were done on a pre-planned, pre-approved basis.
- 🗣️ Because our focus is creating a healthy, stable environment, we are asking that only wholesome movies be viewed in the day room. The guideline we are using is nothing with an “R” rating or higher.
- 🗣️ You are welcome to spend time in the day room but we do ask that you leave it clean and ready for the next person when you’re finished.

Thanks for you cooperation... Cheryl

Resident Signature

Date

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Date

**Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska
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Application**

Date: _____

Personal Information

Name (head of house hold): _____
First Middle Last

Social Security #: _____

Female

Date of Birth: _____

Current A

Race: African American Caucasian Hispanic Asian Na
American

Ethnicity: Hispanic Non Hispanic

Have you been convicted of a Felony: yes no / **If yes give:**
Date: _____

Reason: _____

Have you served in the Military: yes no / **If yes give: discharge**
date: _____

Status at
discharge: _____

Spouse name: _____
First Middle Last

Social Security #: _____

Sex: Male Female **Date of Birth:** _____

Current Age: _____

Race: African American Caucasian Hispanic Asian Na
American

Ethnicity: Hispanic Non Hispanic

Have you been convicted of a Felony? yes no / **If yes give:**

Please answer the following questions

How did you hear about the TLP/MGHTLP? _____

What are you expectations of TLP/MGHTLP?

What would you like to accomplish while in TLP/MGHTLP?

What is you most immediate need?

What questions do you have for us?

References (please list three)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address:

Office use only

Interview scheduled:

Housing situation:

**Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska
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Client Statement of Homeless Status**

Client Name: _____, *Social Security
Number:* _____

I, _____, hereby certify that I am homeless and am in need of resources provided by CAP of Western Nebraska TLP and MGHTLP, an agency that offers services for the homeless. I also certify that the verification of my homeless status is true and that the attached documents have not been altered in any way. I understand and agree that in signing this form, I give CAP of Western Nebraska, TLP and MGHTLP permission to obtain verification of my homeless status through whatever means deemed necessary and, at any time, I can decline services of said agency.

Current Living Situation:

- On the street (or other places not meant for habitation)
 - In a shelter for homeless persons, (name of shelter) _____
 - Formal eviction proceeding/statement of eviction (provide copy)
 - Short/Long term stay in an institution, (name of institution) _____
 - fleeing domestic abuse
 - Other
- (explain) _____

***Client Statement:**

*Include: attempts to locate housing and current financial situation.

