

## FOR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES

We want to welcome you to the St. Christopher's Inn family. We will do our best to ensure that your loved one gets the highest quality care.

Please know: **We believe St. Christopher's Inn is different than almost any other facility.**

What Makes us Different?

- Your loved one is living in the home of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

What does this mean?

- We hold your loved one to a higher standard than you may be accustomed to in other facilities
- We expect your loved one to respect themselves and others at all times
- We do not permit foul language
- We allow smoking, but only at designated times and places
- We do not permit our men to walk unsupervised beyond posted boundaries
- We do not tolerate:
  - Any use of, trading or selling of drugs or medications
  - Disrespectful treatment towards peers or staff
  - Destruction or attempted destruction of property
  - Unauthorized leaving of property

We have two simple goals: 1) To maintain an environment in which the work necessary for treatment and recovery can occur and 2) To have your loved one on a sober path when they leave.

We generally have a system with increased measures to prevent discharge, meaning that interventions are attempted prior to discharge. A Discharge Committee reviews each potential discharge and gives the client a final opportunity to present himself before a determination is made.

We are not perfect. Those with Substance Abuse Disorders can be very manipulative, and at times, can sneak drugs into a facility. The possession of, or use of any substance is a significant violation of our guidelines, negatively impacts our environment, and poses a safety risk to our clients. Clients who engage in this activity will be discharged as soon as this is deemed safe for the client.

We often hear from concerned family members after a loved one is discharged unsuccessfully. Please note the following:

- We do not have the ability to keep someone here that does not want to be here
- With rare exception, everyone who is asked to leave the facility is given a document that outlines the infractions that resulted in the decision to discharge. Please ask to see that paper.
- Unlike other facilities, our policy is to try and provide transportation as close to the desired destination of our clients as possible upon discharge. **We do not just send people to the streets.** If you are told this is the case, please look more deeply into this.

We hope that as loved ones, you appreciate the type of environment our clients can expect. If you would like more information about St. Christopher's Inn, please visit our website at: [stchristophersinn.org](http://stchristophersinn.org). There you will also find a link to some of our podcasts that may give you a glimpse of some of the good work that goes on here at SCI.

Respectfully,

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