



ROSE HAVEN

COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

Rose Haven's Community Agreement is reviewed and signed by each staff person, volunteer and guest in the Rose Haven community.

Rose Haven is built around the desires expressed by women. We repeatedly hear that women want a safe place to come, to access or learn about resources, to be treated well and to receive help with health issues. Almost everyone asks for a *safe* place. Our goal is for Rose Haven to be a place of healing, support, challenge, story telling, wellness, and transition. In order for this to happen, each of us commits to help create Rose Haven by observing the following guidelines and expectations.

I will:

- respect myself in all my behaviors
- use non-violent language
- respect others' belongings (not steal from Rose Haven or any person here)
- treat each person with respect, always!
- not take my emotions out on others
- honor each woman and her story (i.e. we do not roll our eyes or discount anyone)
- honor that all who come through these doors seeking help are women and worthy of respect as women, whether they match my idea of what a women is or not
- ask respectfully for what I need and trust the front desk person to call me when it is my turn for services
- closely supervise children I bring to Rose Haven and ask the mother's permission before playing with or touching another guest's child
- allow staff/volunteers to serve me food and beverages
- not linger in the hallway or go to the offices, clothing room, clinic, etc. without permission
- allow those who are tired to sleep
- not tell anyone about the women I see coming to Rose Haven (very important for safety)
- not use drugs and alcohol, engage in drug activity, or use or have drug paraphernalia in Rose Haven
- wear clothing that is safe and not revealing of private body parts

I will seek a staff/volunteer person:

- if I am having a conflict with someone
- when I wish to talk about the difficult aspects of my life story

REGARDING CONFLICTS:

Our way of dealing with conflict is to ask everyone involved to step outside. This request does not mean we are blaming anyone; it is simply a method of taking the disruptive energy outside. We will listen/talk and decide together if each person is ready to return to community. If you are asked not to come back on a particular day, we require that when you return you speak with the person who asked you to leave. This way you come back in to community as a full member, no leftovers, no shame, no tallied up list of violations.

I agree:

- to step outside if I am asked
- to not start or participate in any conflict
- to notify staff person if an intervention is needed

I understand that:

- if I abuse services I lose them
- the responsibility for keeping Rose Haven clean and tidy belongs to all of us
- any violation of this agreement will result in temporary expulsion from Rose Haven

I _____, have read, understood and agree to live up to this agreement

which I reviewed with _____.

(Staff or volunteer signature)

Date: _____