

Engedi Refuge Intake Protocols

Engedi Refuge Ministries offers a safe home and restoration for adult female victims of sexual exploitation, sex trafficking and prostitution. We have six beds in the home.

INTAKE CRITERIA:

a) Make initial assessment if client is suitable for Engedi House.

Client must be 18 yrs or older

Client must not have children living with her (unless arrangements have been made for placement elsewhere)

Client must have clean time from drugs/alcohol or be willing to go into treatment before starting our program

Client must be biologically female, identifying as female

Cursory Mental Health assessment should be done;

- Is the client able to participate in classroom activities?
- Is the client at a Jr high level or greater of developmental ability?
- A diagnosed Borderline Personality Disorder, Dissociative Identity Disorder, Sociopathic tendencies or Schizophrenia condition may prevent client from admission to Engedi House. Please provide a psych assessment if possible.

b) Have client speak to the Director or Director of Client Support Services for initial phone interview.

c) A client must be identified as a sexually exploited or prostituted woman. Engedi is not a substance abuse program. Substance abuse should not be the client's main issue.

- ❖ If a client is pregnant, we may be able to keep her during the pregnancy, depending on how far along she is, but will refer her to another facility when the baby is born.
- ❖ A new resident must be willing for a psychological and medical assessment to be done. Over the course of the one month orientation period a determination will be made as to the suitability of the client for our program.
- ❖ Each client should have an understanding that Engedi Refuge offers a comprehensive Life Skills and Restoration program and that participation in the program is expected when staying at Engedi House. Each client should understand that Engedi House is a Christian - faith based program. Our clients **do not** have to be identified as a Christian.
- ❖ The client may stay one week to get a feel for what Engedi Refuge offers, and *then* make the decision to stay longer. If the client chooses to leave, she will be responsible for her transportation needs.
- ❖ The Engedi Refuge home is not a lock down facility. The client is free to leave if she chooses. If a client chooses to leave, her bed will be held for 72 hours, in the hopes that she will decide to return. There is no fee required to be in the Engedi program.

About Engedi House

- ❖ Engedi House is managed by a live in House Manager. All the women in the house share cooking & cleaning responsibilities. It is in an undisclosed location for the safety of those in the program.
- ❖ A client must be able to climb stairs and be physically able to participate in normal everyday activities.
- ❖ There is no internet access in the safe house. There is a 30 day black out period with restrictions.
- ❖ If the client has a car, it will be stored on our property, but not be allowed to be used till Phase Two or Three of the program.
- ❖ During Phase One there is no email, facebook, cell phone or internet allowed. These are necessary safety precautions for our residents. These are privileges that may be earned in Phase Two on an individual basis.
- ❖ **A client is allowed to bring two bags with her.** We will help her with any additional clothing needs that she may have. We will provide for her toiletry needs.

About Engedi Learning Center

- ❖ Therapy and counseling is offered at the learning center and is overseen by Kendra Pasma LMHC, with Dr. Becca Johnson as our Clinical Advisor. Both Kendra and Dr. Johnson have been with Engedi since 2013.
- ❖ Attendance at the Learning Center for classes and activities is mandatory. A potential resident must be able to participate and engage in classroom activities.
- ❖ All staff and core volunteers have been vetted with background checks and completed a sensitivity training for working with exploited women.

Below is a listing of what is offered in the First Six months (Phase One) of the Engedi Program:

- Interpersonal & Relational Development
- Counseling/Trauma Therapy
- Addiction Education
- Case Management
- Co-Dependency Awareness Class
- Employment Readiness Program
- Spiritual Awakenings
- Art & Horse Therapy
- Peer Mentoring
- A variety of craft classes, physical education, outdoor activities etc.

Engedi Refuge offers two more phases to the program, but only asks for a commitment to Phase One upon arrival.