



Things Potential Students Need to Know

The Adult and Teen Challenge program is based on the belief that Jesus Christ is the source of help and hope for a new life. Our primary goal is to bring the residents into a right relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Before entering Adult and Teen Challenge, a potential student must be aware of the following:

- Great Lakes Adult and Teen Challenge is a 12 to 14 month residential discipleship program.
- The core of the program is class work. Therefore, a student must have basic reading and writing skills. The self-paced curriculum is Biblically based and geared towards persons with life-controlling problems.
- We provide 24 hour supervision. Students are not be allowed to come and go at will or permitted to have an outside job independent of Adult and Teen Challenge.
- The program includes strict discipline. The student will be expected to follow the rules as well as the instructions of the Adult and Teen Challenge staff
- Students receiving income, such as **SSI, SSD, etc**, will be required to pay 75% of their income to Teen Challenge for room and board.
- All applicants must have an interview with an Adult and Teen Challenge staff member and shall have completed **all of the forms** included in the application packet.
- A potential student **MUST** have a current form of identification before entering the program. (Driver License, State ID, and Social Security card, birth certificate, etc.)
- We do not offer licensed counseling and are not a mental health facility. Therefore any psychiatric medications **MUST** be discontinued while the student is in the program. Narcotic medications are not allowed and must be discontinued before a student enters the program.
- If a student cannot discontinue use of psychiatric medications "on their own" prior to coming in, they **must** bring a weaning schedule from their doctor or they will not be admitted into our program.
- There is no smoking or nicotine products whatsoever while you are in the program. Nicotine tests are used at the Staff's discretion to ensure compliance with this policy.
- There is no contact with anyone of the opposite sex unless you are legally married or a family member. This means there will not be any visits, phone calls, or mail allowed during the full duration of the program. There are **no exceptions** to this policy. If you are legally married, please bring a copy of your marriage license with you to the program.

Please read the above very carefully. If you are certain you understand the level of commitment necessary to complete the program, make your decision about whether you believe the Adult and Adult and Teen Challenge program is right for you. If you understand the commitment and are prepared to make that commitment, call the center to make an appointment for an interview. Call 414-748-HELP(4357).