

Frequently Asked Questions (F.A.Q.)

Q: WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

A: Clothing, towels (bath and beach), personal comfort items, bathing suits, sunscreen.
We provide each resident with a complete bedding ensemble.
Residents are responsible for their own food, toiletries, and cleaning products.

We live in the “Sunshine State,” but it does get cool here during the winter months, especially since we’re so close to the ocean. Even those who come from “Up North” find it chilly here from November through March. You should bring jeans, sweats, and at least one jacket.

Q: HOW CLOSE IS THE BEACH?

A: New Beginnings is 1/8 of a mile from the beach.

Q: CAN I BRING MY CAR?

A: Yes, unless you have legal restrictions that prohibit you from driving.

Q: IS THERE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION?

A: New Beginnings is located along major bus routes and is close to the tri-rail station.
Clients who do not have a vehicle or who are unable to drive can get bicycles or mopeds/scooters. This allows them to get around town with ease.

Q: CAN I BRING MY CELL PHONE?

A: Yes. Residents are encouraged to have their own cell phones. We do not have telephones in the apartments.

Q: CAN I BRING A COMPUTER?

A: All of our units support wireless internet, so residents are welcome to bring personal computers.

Q: HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM?

A: Our Standard Housing Program is a 6-Month Commitment, but residents are welcome to stay longer.

Q: WILL I HAVE MY OWN ROOM?

A: Our apartments are 2-bedroom units, and each room is shared by 2 persons.

Q: WHAT TIME IS CURFEW?

A: For the first 30 days, curfew is 10:00 p.m., 7 days a week. After your first 30 days, you may *apply* for “Late Curfew,” which is 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 12:30 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. In order to be eligible for “Late Curfew,” you must:

- Be a resident for 30 consecutive days
- Have a job
- Have a sponsor
- Have “Meeting Sheets” signed and submitted
- Be current on your rent
- Have no Rule Violations (“Strikes”) within the last 30 days

Q: CAN I STAY OUT OVERNIGHT?

A: Overnight passes may not be taken during your first 30 days of residency, unless it is for legal purposes (out-of-state Court appearances) or family emergencies. After 30 days, you may apply for an overnight pass, but you must meet “Late Curfew” criteria first. Overnight pass applications must be submitted at least 24 hours ahead of time.

Q: CAN I BRING MY PET?

A: No pets of any kind are allowed.

Q: CAN I HAVE VISITORS?

A: You may have visitors of the same sex visit your apartment, but they must stay in the living/dining room area. No visitors are allowed in the bedrooms. No members of the opposite sex are allowed in your unit at any time. Visitors must be checked in with management prior to entering your unit. Visitors must leave the property by 10:00 p.m.

Q: WHAT TO I DO DURING THE DAY?

A: Residents are expected to secure employment within their first 30 days here. All residents must be up with their bed made and their chore done by 10:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. You must be off the property looking for a job or already at work.

Q: CAN I SMOKE THERE?

A: Smoking is allowed OUTDOORS ONLY. No smoking is allowed inside the apartments.

Q: WHAT ABOUT 12-STEP MEETINGS?

A: All residents must attend 90 meetings in 90 days. That means you must attend one 12-step meeting each day for the first 90 days you are here (regardless of previous clean/sober time). Our van goes to at least one meeting each day, which guarantees that every individual has daily access to a meeting. Residents are encouraged to go with us as a group, but if you go to meetings on your own, you must have your "Meeting Sheet" signed by the Chairperson at the end of the meeting to verify your attendance.

Q: DOES MY INSURANCE COVER THE COST OF MY STAY THERE?

A: New Beginnings is strictly a "self-pay" facility. We do not accept insurance payments, but some insurance companies may reimburse you for certain portions of our program. You will need to contact your insurance company directly for specific information about coverage and/or reimbursement.