

Stepping Out Ministries

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Requirements for Out of State Clients

Because our program is unique in many ways, we have developed certain requirements to protect our community, our clients, and our ministry. Policies have been adopted due to the challenges we've had with out of state clients in the past.

Some of our clients find close accountability difficult in a community setting and have left the program, resulting in our state and county having to deal with imported ex-convicts from other states. For this reason it is essential that they be employable or on an entitlement (such as Social Security, VA Benefits, SSI) and have housing fees in advance for at least 60 days, as well as money for personal needs. They must have a backup plan in case of dissatisfaction with or expulsion from the program, to avoid becoming part of our homeless population.

In addition, out of state registered sex offenders must comply with general sex offender restrictions and registration requirements while in residency here. We are a transitional program, not a permanent address; when clients transition into their own place, they will have an understanding of community safety awareness and will have developed success maintenance plans.

Clients must have completed their supervision and any required treatment programs, and send copies of documentation from state prison or community corrections that demonstrates:

1. Completion date and release from supervision
2. Certificate of completion for any treatment programs
3. Entire criminal history

Client must also submit copies of:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Social Security Card
3. State or Government Issued Driver's License or I.D. Card