



BridgeWay Beliefs

- ❖ ***We believe that you should be encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle that is drug and alcohol free:***
 - We ask that you not bring or use any alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products on the BridgeWay campus.
 - We ask that all pictures (and clothing) display positive images (i.e. nothing displaying gangs, drugs, pornography, etc.)
 - You are welcome to hang these pictures and posters. However, please post them only on the corkboards provided for you in your room – Not on the walls or doors.

- ❖ ***We believe that you deserve to feel safe and protected:***
 - Firearms, knives, or any other type of weapons are not permitted anywhere on the premises.
 - We expect that you will not engage in, or threaten any physical violence.

- ❖ ***We believe that you deserve to be treated with dignity and respect:***
 - Please use appropriate language that does not include profanity, yelling, or disrespectful language when speaking to staff, other residents, or other people, including visitors in the home.
 - When listening to CDs, please keep in mind that some music may be offensive to some staff and residents. Please wear head phones when listening to music in common areas and after bedtime.
 - Self-respect is displayed by wearing clothing that is not too tight or too revealing, and appropriate in the common areas of the house.

- ❖ ***We believe that it is important to provide you with a clean and sanitary place to live:***
 - We want you to think of this as your home while you are here. Your sleeping area is your own space. Please keep your sleeping area tidy and pickup after yourself when in the common areas.
 - Please keep food and drink in the kitchen and dining areas only. Water is permitted in your room at night if you prefer to keep a cup at your bedside.

- ❖ ***We believe that you can learn to handle your disagreements with each other in positive ways:***
 - If a disagreement occurs between you and another person, please let staff know and they will help you work through it. Fighting, violence, and/or abusive words are not considered to be acceptable behavior.



- ❖ ***We believe that your property should be respected, and we ask that you please respect the property of others.***
 - Borrowing, selling, or giving of personal items is only acceptable with staff permission. Stealing is never considered to be acceptable.
 - Please respect the BridgeWay property. We want to keep the home nice for all youth in need of a place to live. Any damage done will be your responsibility to repair or replace.

- ❖ ***We believe that it is important for you to form close lasting relationships with significant others that you can trust in your life.***
 - We expect that all your relationships with others who reside at BridgeWay will be kept on a friendship basis only.
 - You are expected to sleep only in your designated sleeping area.
 - It is important that you communicate with your family and others involved with you while you reside at BridgeWay. However, everyone needs an equal opportunity to use the phone. If someone is waiting to use the phone, please limit your call to 10 minutes.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE BRIDGEWAY BELIEFS. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM TO THE VERY BEST OF MY ABILITY.

Youth Signature

Date

MCYS Staff Signature

Date