

## **Diversion Description & Participant Guidelines**

Welcome to Diversion, a program of Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis. We aspire to a culture of *Respect, Acceptance, Compassion,* and *Gratitude*. The following guidelines have been established to provide a safe and effective program for all.

- 1. I understand that Diversion is not a program that offers shelter, and that the program instead tries to help me resolve my homelessness without entering a shelter. The services offered by Diversion are case planning, goal setting, mediation of conflict, advocacy with landlords or other third parties, referral to helpful resources, and limited transportation and financial assistance when available.
- 2. I will seek childcare, employment and financial assistance, and/or housing on a daily basis according to the case plan I make with the Case Manager, while I am participating in Diversion. I will meet regularly (at least weekly) with the Case Manager to tell him or her of my progress. I understand that these meetings may take place at the Day Center or another location.
- 3. I understand that Diversion is a short-term solution to find permanent housing. The goal is solve my homelessness with a permanent or temporary-to-permanent outcome within 30 days, at which point I am invited to join the AfterCare program if successful and eligible, or to enter a Family Promise shelter program if unsuccessful.
- 4. Diversion is a drug-free program and may require drug testing. I will remain free of illegal substances while in the program. I understand that anyone under the influence of illegal drugs may not be accepted into the program and may be discharged if evidence of illegal drugs is found.
- 5. I will tell the Case Manager in advance if any firearms or explosives are on my person or in a residence where we are to meet. I realize the Case Manager may ask for other arrangement to be made for their safety as necessary if weapons or explosives are present.
- 6. I will not smoke in the presence of the Case Manager.
- 7. I will treat Family Promise staff and volunteers with respect, and they will do the same for me.
- 8. If I cannot go to a meeting with the Case Manager, I will contact them with as much advanced notice as possible. If I miss a meeting and do not contact the Case Manager ahead of time, I will get a warning. If I miss a second meeting without contacting the Case Manager, I may be dismissed from the program. If I repeatedly reschedule meetings, even with advanced notice, I may be dismissed from the program after a warning is given if the behavior continues.

I understand the rules and policies above and agree to abide by them while in Diversion. Failure to follow the above guidelines can be cause for immediate discharge.

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_