

# Welcome Homes

## Shared Expectations Agreement—Youth and Host

\_\_\_\_\_ (Youth) and \_\_\_\_\_ (host) are creating this agreement about their hosting arrangement. By discussing potential areas of conflict in advance, deciding together what they would like the arrangement to look like, and being open to outside support, the youth and the host can take steps to help the arrangement go more smoothly.

### YOUTH QUESTIONS

**What do I bring to the household?** (Things I'm good at, my shining personal qualities....)

**Challenges in my life I want to be honest about:** (Addiction, mental-health issues, legal-system involvement...)

**Who are other people who support me?** (Extended family members, friends, counselors....)

**What goals will I pursue while I'm staying with my host?** (School, job, alcohol and drug treatment....)

**What might I need help with?** (Rides to school or work, learning to cook, applying to college....)

**What can I provide for myself?** (Food, hygiene products, earnings from my job....)

*YOUTH QUESTIONS CONTINUED*

**How long would I like to stay?** (If I'm not sure, on what date will I check back in with the host about this?)

**If I'm covered by health insurance**, please show host insurance card, and list provider and insurance number.  
**If I'm not covered**, what is my plan for obtaining health insurance?

**In a serious emergency, please contact:**

**If I am a minor, do my parents know where I'm staying? If I can't talk to my parents, what can I do?**  
(Please see the *Minors Legal Guide*)

**If I am a parent or parenting, how will I arrange child care?**

**Do I want to rent from the host or be their guest?** (Please see *Renter or Guest? Legal Guide*)

## **HOST QUESTIONS**

**What can I offer the youth?** (A couch to sleep on, use of a bicycle, a listening ear....)

**How long do I think I can host?** (If I'm not sure, on what date will I check back in with the youth about this?)

**Do I want the youth to rent from me or be my guest?** (Please see *Renter or Guest? Legal Guide*)

**Other people who support me:** (Friends, family, religious community members....)

**The values in our house:** (Go to school or work, get help for addiction/mental health issues, obey laws....)

**How our house runs:** (Guest policy, alcohol use, chores, curfew, pets, keys, computer or phone access....)

**In a serious emergency, please contact:**

**If the youth is a minor, do their parents/guardians know where the youth is staying?**

How can I legally have the youth stay with me? (Please see *Minors Legal Guide*)

**If I am a renter, does the property owner know the youth is staying in the unit?** How would I tell the property owner?

(Please see our *Under the Radar or Above Board? Legal Guide*)

**If the youth is parenting, how will we handle child care?**

## YOUTH AND HOST QUESTIONS

**What will this relationship look like?** Is the youth a tenant or a guest? (Please see “*Renter or Guest?*” *Legal Guide*)

**How can we help the house have harmony?** (House meetings, shared meals, check in about our day, activities we can do together....)

**Where will we get help if conflict arises?** (Counselor, friend, Community Mediation Minnesota 1-833-266-2663....)

### HOST PLEDGE:

- I will provide a home free from violence. We will talk through conflicts with respect.
- I will provide a home that respects sexual boundaries. I will respect the sexual orientation and gender identity/expression of the youth. There will be no sexual contact between me and the youth. No one in my home will offer payment for sex or expect favors in exchange for sex.
- Add your own pledge around drug and alcohol use, and any other commitments you would like to make!

**Host “lines in the sand”** (Situations that would cause you to consider discontinuing the hosting arrangement.)

### YOUTH PLEDGE:

- I commit to talking through conflicts with respect.
- I commit to respecting physical and sexual boundaries.
- Add your own pledge around drug and alcohol use, and any other commitments you would like to make!

**Youth “lines in the sand”** (Situations that you would refuse to accept in a healthy hosting arrangement.)

Youth (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Host (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_