



Resident's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Placement: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Group Home Compliance Rule No. 290-2-6.4 (5) states that, "A specific written plan for each resident in placement, and his/her family, shall be required at the time of placement. The plan shall indicate the needs of the resident and family, specifics for meeting the needs, and a plan for continuing social services for the family. The resident, his/her family (or custody holder) and the placing agency must jointly participate in the planning, except in cases of emergency placement of less than one week."

Residential Group Home Compliance Rule No. 290-2-6.4 (6) (d) states that individual records should contain "Initial Evaluation Plan and periodic evaluations."

Although The Carpenter's Way believes that each child/youth should be in his/her own home when possible, we realize that intervention by removal does occur when the home continues to be predominantly injurious to a child or youth. The Carpenter's Way is a unique residential living setting for youth who, for various reasons, cannot live with their natural parents or in a foster home. Therefore, we emphasize long-term care, not only because most children we accept are the more homeless, dependent and neglected of our society, but also because our model of child care is based on a relationship enhancement model in which youth problems are believed to be due to the total disruption of the most fundamental relationships in their young lives. Children and youth, therefore, are instructed in various skills that will enable them to reconstruct their lives. This type of teaching, training, and learning can only be done over a long period of time. The length of stay for The Carpenter's Way's youth can range from three months to several years, depending on the youth's particular situation.

In order to prepare youth for success in the Family Home Program, it is important that youth, parents, agency representatives, etc. understand the same basic expectations and goals of youth who will live at The Carpenter's Way. In order to help us develop an appropriate treatment plan for the youth, we believe that when program expectations and youth goals are clearly understood by all parties involved, the results of the ministry are more likely to be achieved. Therefore, read and initial the following goals, indicating that these are clearly understood.

**INITIALS**

Resident

Caseworker

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**My caseworker has explained to me...**

that the goals for me here are to learn life/social skills, strengthen academics, acquire pre-vocational and independent living skills and learn the value of a strong work ethic in the context of a Christian family home and community.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

that I am going to live at The Carpenter's Way and it is not for a trial basis.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

that all residents are expected to attend church services and participate in Christian family training.



**INITIALS**

Resident

Caseworker

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**My caseworker has explained...**

that all residents are expected to abide by The Carpenter's Way rules, policies and the Family Life Level System.

that vacations, trips, and visits are arranged jointly with the caseworker and/or parent/legal guardian and The Carpenter's Way staff.

The following portion of the Initial Plan of Care will meet needs of orienting residents to the Family Life Program at The Carpenter's Way.

Staff's Initials

Date Completed

**Orientation to...**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I. The Carpenter's Way Facility and the resident's new home and bedroom.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

II. The Carpenter's Way Level System and Behavior Management Plan (an abbreviated copy of both will be issued to each new resident).

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

III. basic home rules, including the fire evacuation plan. Home rules are posted in the homes and the residents are made aware of their locations.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

IV. the various staff and their various roles.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

V. the Six Basic Skills which include:

**How to...**

1. follow instructions
2. accept correction
3. accept "no"
4. disagree appropriately
5. demonstrate appropriate greeting and conversation skills
6. ask for help

**Please sign this statement, agreeing to follow The Carpenter's Way policies in caring for children and youth and that you understand and agree to the Initial Plan of Care.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Resident's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Program Staff's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Program Director's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date