



# Bakersfield Homeless Center

## Criteria for Admission

Prospective residents must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Must be 18 years of age--unless children in the company of their parent(s)/guardian(s)
2. Ability to take care of self and children
3. Physically capable of leaving the Bakersfield Homeless Center without assistance in case of an emergency.
4. Unavailable or limited financial resources.
5. For potential family clients, custody/guardianship papers must be established or in the process of being obtained prior to entering shelter.

Prospective residents must agree to the following:

1. Abide by Bakersfield Homeless Center Site/Dorm Rules
2. Attend mandatory intake meeting, health/budgeting classes, counseling sessions, and housing orientation.
3. Maintain and respect confidentiality of Bakersfield Homeless Center Residents.
4. Follow volunteer schedule

Prospective residents are INELGIBLE for Bakersfield Homeless Center placement if any of the following apply:

1. If client has previously been asked to permanently leave the facility for disciplinary of behavior problems.
2. Client is non-ambulatory (the client is physically unable to care for self/hygiene or leave the shelter in case of an emergency).
3. Client exhibits and/or has been diagnosed with severe mental illness (a danger to themselves or others).
4. Medically Fragile
5. Convictions of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
6. Sexual Predators
7. Violent Offenders
8. Arsonists
9. Under the influence of drugs or alcohol at time of intake interview.

Note: If a client is turned away from the Bakersfield Homeless Center, they will be provided with a resource packet and a 211 listing offering other alternative shelters and community services.