

# WOMEN & CHILDREN HOUSE GUIDELINES



Women & Children Oxford Houses have a few additional guidelines in place to protect the children and the house as a whole.

- ▶ Children who spend 4 or more overnights per week at the house will be considered residents of the house. Children visiting during the day or spending 3 or less nights over are considered guests.
- ▶ Children must be age 10 or under at the time of the interview.
- ▶ No more than 1 child per parent. A parent with 2 children may be considered if both children are under the age of 3 and the room they will occupy is of adequate size.
- ▶ No more than 4 total children will live in the house at one time.
- ▶ The cost per child is \$25 per week (\$100 per month) in addition to the EES of the parent.
- ▶ The Child(ren) will share a single room with the parent and not occupy a chartered adult bed.
- ▶ Single rooms designated for parent and child can be occupied by an adult with no child, but must be vacated when a parent and child move-in, unless there are no open beds in another room.
- ▶ Pregnant women will move into the parent/child room after giving birth.
- ▶ Refusal to accept a parent and child because a member with no child wants to keep their single room is a violation of Tradition 1.
- ▶ Upon acceptance into the house, parents must read, sign, and adhere to the parent contract. Violations of the contract may result in an additional behavior contract or expulsion.
- ▶ No significant others are allowed to stay overnight by any member. No members of the opposite sex are allowed in bedrooms. They must remain in common areas.
- ▶ No sexual activity is allowed on the property.

## TIPS:

The ideal house has 1 or 2 single rooms designated for parent and child(ren). It is suggested to also have at least 1 additional single room for an adult with no child so seasoned members can have an opportunity to move from a double room to a single room. Oxford House is not designed to house women with 3 or more children. There are laws restricting the number of people that can occupy bedrooms, based on square footage. Adult beds are never sacrificed to accommodate additional children. If a parent with too many children applies, or if the children are over the age of 10, we need to have contacts and referrals to try to help them find alternate housing options.