

HOME ON THE RANGE PARENT INFORMATION

I. Telephone Calls

Home On The Range residents are permitted to make and receive telephone calls during evening hours. Incoming calls from parents or referring agencies are accepted anytime.

II. Mail

We encourage all residents to correspond by mail with family and significant others. Postage is paid by Home On The Range for all mail addressed to immediate family members. We also encourage family members to correspond with residents as often as possible.

All mail to non-family and family members is subject to approval by the social worker and/or referring worker. Resident mail is only opened by the resident, but conditions may be established requiring a staff member to be present.

III. Visitation

Family

We invite family members to visit the residents. We ask that the following procedure be utilized prior to a visit:

1. The family member must contact the resident's social worker regarding the visit. We ask that this inquiry occur **at least** one week prior to the proposed visit.
2. Meals are available through the Home On The Range food service.
3. Residents may be allowed off-ranch time with family at the social worker's and referring worker's discretion.
4. Residents denied off-ranch privileges may be allowed on-ranch visits with family. These visits may be supervised by staff if court-ordered or requested by the referring agency or social worker.

Home Visits

Residents may qualify for home visits after a minimum of sixty-days of placement. Home visits are an earned privilege and are at the discretion of the social worker. Prior to the visit, guidelines for parental supervision will be established as a condition of the visit. Home visits are scheduled during major school holidays and throughout the summer.

IV. Codes of Conduct (dress; haircuts; etc.)

Detailed dress codes are outlined in the Home On The Range - Residential Living Manual provided to all youth at intake. Screening of clothing items is conducted at intake. Items not allowed will be sent home. Clothing viewed as gang influenced; clothes containing alcohol, drug or tobacco slogans; "concert" shirts; and all clothing viewed as sexually inappropriate are expressly prohibited.

Specific procedures regarding jewelry are similarly addressed in the Resident Living Manual.

Detailed hair grooming policies are outlined in the Home On The Range - Residential Living Manual provided to all youth at intake.

Male residents' hair must be:

1. Off the collar.
2. Above the eyebrows and no more than halfway down the ear.

Shaving, stripes or scalp writing in the hair are prohibited.

Female residents' hair must be off the face.