



## **Pre-Admission Information**

Hope House is a voluntary short-term psychiatric treatment facility.

To prevent the potential spread of bedbugs, new arrivals need to change into a scrub suit for 2 hours while personal clothing and other property is being treated in a heat box. The box reaches 129 degrees (about the temperature of a car on a hot day). **No more than 2 changes of clothing should be brought.**

Cell phones must be locked in the staff office. Messages may be checked and brief texts sent while in the office.

No food or drink of any kind may be brought into the house.

No one may leave the house unaccompanied.

Accompanied time away from Hope House requires approval by administrative staff and is limited to doctors' appointments, meetings with Children and Youth, the Department of Public Welfare etc.

All medications must be locked in the staff office.

Use of laptop computers is not permitted.

Our psychiatrist sees all clients on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Medical treatment and the prescription of non-psychiatric medications are not provided at Hope House.

Hope House does not provide or pay for medication.

Discharge planning is started the day of admission so discussion will begin shortly after arrival.

For persons who are homeless the only option for a discharge location may be to a shelter.

### **Things to bring along:**

Money for medication co-pays, cigarettes etc.

Insurance cards.

Current medication in their original, labeled bottles.