

Lost Harbor Institute

Lost Harbor Institute Referral Information

Philosophy

In Bygone Days, troubled youth were sent to sea as cabin boys. In our modern world, Lost Harbor Institute is re-creating this concept for youth who are deemed "At Risk". Lost Harbor Institute (LHI) is an organization that provides an Alternative Program, which is a refuge of safety where the individual can focus on issues and growth. A three-step Marine-based Residential Transitional Program offered for these youth. Lost Harbor is working with the concept that has been used very successfully in other areas of the country.

A similar program's roots came from a very successful experiment aboard an Oceanographic Research Lab. Through a combined effort with a juvenile judge; several troubled youth were sent to sea aboard the Lab's research ship to work on projects. The positive changes that occurred with these youth while at sea brought about the idea of a permanent Marine-based youth program. Permanent programs with this concept in many coastal areas have been very successful.

Marine Based Program Admission

Because we are a Marine Based program, we have physical and mental restrictions to insure the safety of residents. Residents must be able to walk down docks, carry 50 #, and climb ladders and steep stairs. Residents must not have any physical restrictions so that they will be able to climb aboard boats.

Admission Criteria

- Lost Harbor serves males ages 16 to 21
- Lost Harbor welcomes all cultural and ethnic backgrounds
- Youth must be leaving out-of-home placement, homeless, or at risk of homelessness;
- Youth must be employed or seeking employment or enrolled in an academic or vocational program.

Youth who have the following behaviors/special needs will not be admitted to the program:

- Current drug or alcohol problems, including youth in need of detoxification or primary chemical dependency treatment;
- Recent history of violent behavior, including aggression toward self, others or property;
- A mental health disorder or issue that is not being resolved through counseling or treatment including serious emotional disturbance / serious and persistent mental illness;
- Youth who have cognitive limitations/ developmental disabilities preventing them from benefiting from program services.

Program Licensing Authority

Lost Harbor is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (MN rules 2960.0010 to 2960.0120) with a Transitional Program Certification (MN rules 2960.0500)

*Please send a release of information with referral

Date of Referral: _____

Referring Person: _____

Referring Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____

Email: _____

Financially Responsible Agency:

Client Name: _____

Parents Name: _____

Client Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Client current school/vocational/job:

Reason for Referral/Client Needs:

Program Service

The primary needs as identified in the resident's independent living plan include:

- Job services and training
- Counseling services
- Independent living skills training
- Education services and tutoring
- Related supportive services
such as assistance in locating housing
budgeting, meal preparation

Other basic services include:

- 24 hour daily supervision and care
- Transportation
- Room and board
- Transitional services planning,
- Crisis counseling and de-escalation
- Cultural sensitivity and culturally appropriate care.

Many of Lost Harbor Institute residents will be transitioning from detention/correctional placements, prior to living independently. The residents will have a chance to make a change in their lives by being involved with LHI.

They will learn trade skills, high school or trade school education in a transitional, supervised environment.

LHI is not a self-referral program, but a program that will be working with detention centers/more restrictive correctional and group residential settings and youth that have chosen to be a part of the Lost Harbor Institute program.

Referral Process

Referrals are accepted from social services, probation/corrections, or tribal authority. Referrals are accepted by phone, fax, or email.

Please send signed release of information with referral information. Admissions personnel review referral information and then contact referring agent and client for tour and interview prior to placement.

Lost Harbor Institute Contact Information

Residence Contact:

Lost Harbor House
729 Dakota St.
Shakopee, MN 55379
Phone: 952-233-2200

Mailing Address:

Lost Harbor Institute
Ste.127, 1160 Vierling Dr. E.
Shakopee, MN 55379

Business Contact:

Phone: 952-934-4226
Fax: 952-934-2488

Email: HarborMaster@LostHarbor.org

Web address: www.LostHarbor.org

Lost Harbor Institute Program Staff are pleased to visit your agency to discuss services or offer program tours. Please call 952-233-2200 for more information.

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Lost Harbor Mission Statement

“Dedicated to Making a
Difference in the Life of
Everyone who Comes
Aboard!”