

Statement of Intended Use:

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Second Chances will be incorporating Thinking for a Change which is a cognitive-behavioral curriculum that concentrates on changing the criminogenic thinking of offenders by cognitive restructuring, social skills development, and the development of problem-solving skills.

Second chances will maintain an animal shelter that will house a single dog for each resident except those who are 72 hour holds. Each resident will be responsible for the care and training of their assigned dog. Studies have shown that involving a dog with boys in a correctional setting teaches patience, job skills, understanding, and unconditional love for another. The residents will at no time be left alone with the dogs to ensure safety and to make sure compassion and kindness is shown toward the dog.

Second Chances will be utilizing the public education system outside of the facility. If it is deemed necessary K.12, an on line education program will be implemented and approved by the Department of Education but only after a comprehensive educational assessment has been completed. Second Chances will also have a tutor available to address any educational assistance our residents need.

Opportunities in our small rural community will mostly come from the city of Fairmont and our local farmers. By utilizing local business and farms our residents will have opportunity for employment if this is an identified goal. In addition, out-patient treatment services for substance abuse, psychologist, psychiatrist, medical, and dental services will be obtained. We have opportunities for indoor and outdoor events in the summer thru our community education resource department, in addition to, the camping trips and other activities Second Chances schedules.

Our facility will not have any restrictive procedures but instead will use a time out period for any incidences that escalate to an inappropriate level between residents and/or staff. Any resident

who has had a conflict will be separated in a public area at which time they will be supervised and counseled resulting in a calming environment so that the situation can be addressed in a positive manner.

Culturally appropriate individuals will be available to the residents and will be the job of the Program Director to locate. Necessary background checks will be conducted before any outside volunteers are given private access to the residents of Second Chances. Options of telephone conference and the use of Skype will be available with resources thru www.culturaldiversity.com.

This facility will be a home-like environment where the Program Director and Direct Care Housing Manager will live on the premises and be involved in the day-to-day activities of the boys. Second Chances will employ individuals that have previous experience working with residents aged 12-18. Second Chances Program Director is a Licensed Social Worker with a Minor in Corrections and previous experience as a troubled youth. Second Chances Direct Care Housing Manager has previous experience as a troubled youth and was a successful business owner for 23 years in the construction industry. One part-time employee will be utilized when needed. This individual will be at least 21 years of age or older and have a minimum of six months experience working with youth. If needed, Second Chances will hire a in house tutor to assist with any homework a youth may have. He/She will have a bachelor's degree in Education and passed the Minnesota licensure examination.

Admission Criteria

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