Family Time: Off-site family time is earned based upon positive behavior and interactions with others and will be arranged at least one day in advance by your child. It is important that your child has direct supervision by a parent/guardian at all times while off site. Family time can be taken: 7am – 8:00pm on Saturdays and 7:00am – 7:00pm on Sundays

**Phone Calls:** Youth can make or receive one phone call per day to individuals placed on the visiting list. If a youth needs to make additional phone calls for communication/business purposes, these are arranged by their case managers.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Personal Property:** You and your child will be provided with a list of allowed items at intake and request that personal belongings be kept to a minimum. Please do not bring in expensive or items of great value. Property will be searched and inventoried. We request that residents do not share, give away, sell or trade their personal property. If items are reported stolen, we will do our best to recover the item, but Harkins House is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Your child will do their own laundry and we will provide detergents. In general, a one-week supply of clothing is sufficient. Workout clothing and a swimsuit is also recommended for outings to the community center.

Please do not bring in clothing, belt buckles, or jewelry depicting/glamorizing drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gangs, firearms, sexually explicit material, or innuendo.

**Toiletries:** Please bring in these items for your child:

- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Razors
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Items

Harkins House will provide sheets, blankets and towels to youth.

*Medication:* If your child takes medication it will be checked in by staff. We will need written instructions from the prescribing doctor. All medication will be dispensed according to the instructions on the container. Parents are responsible for refilling prescriptions. Over-the-counter medicine must be new and unopened when brought to the program.

Assistance: Residents without the resources to provide clothing and toiletries may receive help from the program. Some clothing is available to be borrowed, based on the immediate need of the resident.

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### Mission

To Promote Growth in Youth and Their Family.

#### **OUR PROGRAM**

Harkins House is a residential program adjusted to meet the individual needs of your child. We will collaborate with you and your child to develop goals to work on while they are in our program that are geared toward preventing them from further involvement in the juvenile system. Harkins House staff understand it is stressful having your child away from home while they are involved with the Juvenile Court. While this is difficult, it is our goal to encourage parents or guardians to be involved with case planning and major decisions regarding your child.

#### What to Expect

The Judge can make your child eligible for placement at Harkins House at court. If your child is a good fit for our program an intake will be scheduled for the youth, parents/guardians, Juvenile Counselor and a Harkins House case manager.

We will encourage and support your child's involvement in all aspects of our program since it is vital to their future success.

#### Visiting

Parents, legal guardians, attorneys, clergy and other significant adults can be allowed to visit on-site, and a list of approved visitors will be developed at intake. Unfortunately, siblings and relatives aged 13-20 may not visit due to the confidentiality of the other residents.

Visiting hours are daily from 3:00pm – 7:00pm except for Wednesday and Friday when visiting hours are 4:00pm – 7:00pm. Visitors are advised to call prior to visiting to make sure the youth are not off-site and ensure we have space. *When you visit:* 

- Check in with the front desk.
- Visiting takes place downstairs in identified areas.
- Please avoid giving your child access to electronic devices, outside food, drinks, gum or candy.
- Service Animals are permitted inside the facility (please get prior approval).
- No weapons of any kind are allowed in the facility.

#### **OUR SERVICES**

**On-site School:** Your child will be enrolled in the Hillsboro School District and participate in educational programming. This may include on-site school, GED preparation, post-



educational or vocational activities. School programming is tailored to your child's needs.

**Counseling:** Harkins House offers opportunities for individual counseling on-site with Graduate Level Interns. Referrals may be made to outside community agencies for treatment. This may include family counseling, mental health services, psychological evaluations and/or drug and alcohol treatment.

*Groups:* Your child will participate in daily groups to improve their ability to make better choices and manage emotions, so they are better equipped to be successful in the community and avoid further involvement in the justice system. Some of the groups we offer are: Thinking for a Change, Options to Anger, Boy's Council and Girls Circle, Life Skills, Trauma Informed Yoga and Mindfulness.

**Recreational Activities:** Educational and recreational outings in the community are important for your child during their stay at Harkins House and are geared towards exposure to prosocial activities.

The Harkins House Farm 2 Fork Program (F2F): Part of the education program, your child will have the chance to explore the world of culinary arts and gardening at a local, 25-acre

farm. Among other things, the F2F program aims to help youth learn how to grow food and cook delicious recipes from their harvest. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA

**Parental Participation:** As a program we recognize the importance of parental input, involvement and support. It is vital that parents and family support networks work together with the program to provide youth the greatest chance at success.

We rely on parents to continue providing support for the needs of their child (i.e. provide transportation to appointments, attend court hearings and assist with medical needs).



#### Rules

The goal of Harkins House is to provide everyone with a safe environment. With time in the program, they will become more familiar with the daily structure and expectations. Major rules are discussed at intake and your child will be provided with a handbook outlining rules and expectations. We encourage parents or guardians to ask any questions regarding rules and/or consequences their child receives.

#### *Incentives*

Harkins House uses a level system to encourage positive behavior and interaction. Each day your child will have the opportunity to earn points towards progressing through the level system and earn incentives such as STARS, extra off-site family time, phone calls and other incentives.