



Our purpose is to empower our clients to develop their own support network and the resources they need so they can return to their communities and homes as productive, law abiding, spouses, parents, and employees. When men complete our program, they have the social, emotional, and spiritual tools they need to remain substance free for the long-term.

Our program lasts a minimum of six months and is based on the 12-step recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous because this is the minimum time frame in which individuals can build a solid foundation for long-term recovery. In many instances, individuals stay in our program longer than six months to ensure they are truly ready to sustain their recovery on their own. We can house a maximum of 50 men at a time in our four houses in the historic West Central Neighborhood.

The Thirteen Step House follows the AA 12 Step model which is considered the best practice in the field of alcohol and substance addiction recovery. Each resident in our program must attend at least four recovery meetings per week. The Thirteen Step House hosts 13 recovery meetings each week on-site. Residents must maintain sobriety and are required to submit to random drug testing and breathalyzer testing. No drugs, alcohol or gambling are permitted on our premises or while in our program. Residents must have an AA Sponsor and must continue to show progress on steps 1-5 of the AA program within the first six months to stay in residence in our program.

Within the first week of arrival, each resident is required to purchase the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. (We provide them at cost for \$10). In addition, residents are required to adhere to house rules, complete daily assigned chores, comply with our nightly curfew, and maintain employment. Residents must have a job on arrival or secure a job within 30 days of admission. Residents are also responsible for a \$290.00 entry fee. This covers first and last week's rent, as well as a \$30.00 drug testing charge and a \$10.00 book charge. Thereafter, rent is \$125 per week. This instills responsibility and helps them learn personal finances to establish financial stability.

Throughout our program, Thirteen Step House provides case management including referrals to other local service providers to assist them with personal needs for health care, employment training, securing a job, and finding permanent housing.

The Thirteen Step House serves men 18 and over who are working to recover from alcoholism and/or substance addiction. Our program is open to any man willing to work toward recovery and self-sufficiency. We do not discriminate based on age, ethnicity, religion, or any other factor. We are able to provide housing for a maximum of 50 men at one time. Because of the physical limitations of our houses, applicants must be able to climb stairs and climb into the top bunk of a bunk bed.

The Thirteen Step House is the second oldest halfway house in Indiana. Founded by four men from the Fort Wayne Alcoholics Anonymous community in 1968, the Thirteen Step House began as a modest one-bedroom apartment. Through the commitment and dedication of the founders, the AA community, and its residents, the Thirteen Step House has grown to a complex of four buildings housing up to a maximum of 50 men. Our houses are located in the historic West Central Neighborhood at 1317 West Washington Boulevard.