



Roberts House
Canadian Mental Health
Association



Location:

Calgary, Alberta

Residence Information:

Roberts House
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2621 15 St SW
Calgary T2T 3Z8
Phone: (403) 297-1737

Residents Accepted:

Federal offenders who have been granted conditional release. Each file is reviewed and considered individually.

Residents must be willing to address and comply with their treatment plan, as well as adhere to all household rules and expectations in order to remain at Roberts House.

Exclusions:

Sex offenders with a history of predatory behavior (residential neighborhood with playgrounds and recreation centres). Inmates with a history of violence and/or unwillingness to participate in treatment. Staff & community safety is assessed as well.

Short Description:

A community based Halfway House for federal Parolees. Extended support for those with mental health concerns. Maximum of 10 tenants, communal living, 8 single rooms, one double room. All tenants share cooking and chore responsibilities within the house.

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Programs:

No in house programming. Each resident has an assigned case manager to assist him/her in setting and achieving goals. Goals are set with consideration of criminogenic factors. Staff will assist with daily living skills and needs, and to help

Description:

Roberts House is operated in conjunction with Corrections Services Canada and Canadian Mental Health Association. The halfway house is designed for federal parolees, some of which may have mental health concerns. (Although not a requirement.)

It is a smaller, structured facility that focuses on reintegration for its residents.

Although there is no in-house programming, programs are an essential part of most residents' re-integration. These are programs offered at the community level or through Calgary Parole. As well as structured meetings with their Case Management Team on a regular basis to identify areas of concern and growth alike.

Acceptance Procedure:

The Institutional Parole Officer will request a community strategy via the Calgary District Parole Office and the applicant's file will be reviewed at the Offender Management Review Board. A staff member from Roberts House will attend OMRB and will conduct a review of the file. If the applicant is approved, acceptance is pending bed space availability.

History:

Roberts House is operated through Canadian Mental Health Association and was approached by Corrections Services Canada to open a half way house for individuals being released with mental illnesses. Roberts House began accepting federal offenders in January of 1999. We continue to accept individuals with mental illness, and without, with a focus on a positive re-integration into society.

Institutions the Residence Visits:

- Drumheller
- Bowden

CSC Parole Liaison:

Calgary Parole Greg Juchnowski
Coordinates booking beds in Calgary.
Phone (403) 292-5550

Related Community Programs:

- As a part of the Canadian Mental Health Association, all residents have access to any programming or activities offered by CMHA Calgary Region. (These include leisure activities, computer skills, life skills etc.)
- Ongoing psychiatric care offered through a psychiatrist, psychiatric nurse, and psychologist all contracted through Calgary Parole.
- Community based AA, NA and GA meetings.
- AADAC programming, Sheriff King
- Access to community facilities, libraries, recreational facilities.
- Subsidized Talisman Passes through CMHA, Calgary Region.
- Access to referrals upon a successful release from Roberts House. (This includes household items and furniture, Inter-faith food bank etc.)