

What to Bring to Residential Treatment

The following is a list of items we recommend clients bring in order to make their stay safe, and more comfortable. This is a suggested list, and not all prohibited or suggested items are listed. Please discuss items of concern with your admissions professional prior to arrival.

Items Provided by STARS Residential Treatment Centers:

We will provide you with access to the following items for your convenience:

- Closet space/laundry basket for clothing
- Washer and dryer (detergent & softener)
- Community television (Limited)
- Telephone access (Limited)
- Healthy food and beverages
- Bed linens and towels

Comfortable Clothing:

Cub House and Karen's House are designed to be a less-restrictive, home-like environment, so we encourage you to dress comfortably and casually. Clothing should not be overly revealing, and shoes should be sturdy and comfortable enough for walks or outings. You will not need to pack for all 30-60 days of treatment, as there are washers and dryers available for regular use. We recommend bringing 8-10 pairs of clothing you can mix & match. We also recommend that you pack comfortable, durable outer-wear that can be washed in a commercial washing machine.

- Jeans and full-length shorts
- Blouses and t-shirts
- Tennis shoes
- Robe and slippers
- Undergarments
- Seasonally appropriate and outdoor activity clothes. We encourage you to come prepared with several seasonal clothing options (i.e. umbrella, lightweight jacket, sweater, heavier jacket for winter months, sunglasses, hats, etc.)

Dress Code:

- Clothing cannot be revealing or inappropriate (questionable apparel will be determined at the discretion of our staff).
- Night time clothing must be worn.
- Shirts must meet the waistband of pants. No exposed midriffs. Shirts may not show excessive cleavage.

- See-through clothing must be worn with appropriate undershirts. Visible underwear is not appropriate. This applies to men and women.
- Shorts must be mid-thigh or longer when standing (when standing, your shorts should be no shorter than your fingertips when arms are at your side.)
- No clothing with alcohol, drug, sex, or gang themes, terms, or innuendos.
- Pants must cover hips. No exposed underwear. No sagging pants.
- Shoes or socks are to be worn at all times in the house. Shoes must be worn at all times outside the building.
- Clothing must be worn at all times in the house and on the property.
- Sleeping attire may not be worn outside the bedroom.
- Leggings may only be worn if appropriately covered by shirts that fall below the buttocks.
- Gym attire must follow all of the above-mentioned rules: shoes, appropriate length shorts & shirts.
- Men are required to wear shirts at all times.
- Any other clothing that is not specifically mentioned in these rules but is deemed inappropriate by staff must be changed/picked up/mailed back home.
- Sunglasses must be worn outside only.

Personal Toiletries:

All personal toiletries must be in their unopened, sealed container. Nail files/clippers, shaving razors and other “sharps” may be brought but will be kept in an assigned box when not being used. You may also bring the following items as they are not provided:

- Feminine products
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body soap and facial Soap
- Deodorant, lotion, and sunscreen
- Make-up (one small bag allowed)
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Hairdryer and hair styling products

Medications:

Prior to/upon admission, please document all current prescription and non-prescription medications you are taking. Please include the name, dosage, and frequency of each medication, as well as the name and contact information of the prescribing physician. You can document your medication on your Medical Self Report form completed before/at admission. All prescriptions must be current, your name must be on the prescription label, and there should be no more than the prescribed amount of pills in the bottle. Please bring at least one week of prescription medications with you.

STARS staff will review all medications with you after admission. If you have a prescription card through your insurance company, bring it with you. Prescriptions are filled at the local pharmacy and kept in the medication room.

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medications:

Please do not bring any OTC medications. STARS will provide and monitor the use of OTC medications. Medications with pseudoephedrine ingredients and any/all weight control/pre/post-workout supplements are prohibited.

Money:

Cash, checkbooks, debit and credit cards are allowed. Residents are responsible for the safe keeping of these items. STARS recommends that extra cash, cards etc. be stored in our residential house administrative offices for safekeeping. STARS is NOT RESPONSIBLE for lost or stolen cash, checkbooks, debit and credit cards that are not in our immediate, controlled possession.

Miscellaneous:

We want you to be comfortable during your stay and we encourage you to pack a few personal items:

- Cell phones will be secured in the administrative office
- Stationary, envelopes, and stamps are encouraged for writing to family and friends
- Hobby or special interest items (non-sharp crafting materials, coloring books, crossword puzzles etc.)
- Photos of family and friends (may be in a frame, remove glass)
- Personal notebook for journaling
- List of phone numbers
- Ear plugs/buds
- Stuffed animal(s), favorite pillow, or blanket
- Alarm clock, Mp3/Digital audio player (no video/camera capabilities)
- Books, Bibles/religious texts, inspirational or devotional reading materials

What to leave at Home

For the safety and confidentiality of STARS Cub or Karen's House residents, please do not bring the following items:

- Electronic devices (computers, TVs, iPads, DVD players)
- Bluetooth/wireless/wired audio speaker(s)
- Weapons and firearms
- Luxury items of excessive value (jewelry, perfumes, expensive clothing/accessories etc.)
- Clothing that depicts alcohol, drugs, sex, gangs, or violence
- Products containing alcohol (mouthwash, body spray/cologne, toner, etc.)

- Acetone-based products or aerosol-spray products
- Candles/incense
- Alcohol or illegal drugs
- Outside food(s)/drink(s)
- Vapes, Juuls, or any form of electronic cigarette(s).
- Any extra possessions beyond what is needed for your stay.

STARS reserves the right to refuse any item deemed unsafe or detrimental to client care.

Prohibited Items and Extra Possessions

*Prohibited items and extra possessions beyond what is needed for your stay are not allowed in the facility under any circumstances and will be required to be sent home via postal/parcel service at the owner's expense. Should the client be unable to provide payment for the postal/parcel service we will require that the item(s) be picked up by a spouse/family member within seven business days from the date of seizure.

Should the item fail to be removed within the allotted time given by STARS Cub House or Karen's House, STARS reserves the right to destroy/discard the item(s). STARS is NOT RESPONSIBLE for storage of extra possessions; and, is not responsible for lost, stolen or prohibited items that are not in our immediate, controlled possession.

Items that are left behind after your discharge from STARS Cub House or Karen's House will be required to be shipped home via postal/parcel service at the owner's expense. Should the client/family be unable to provide payment for the postal/parcel service we will require that the item(s) be picked up by the client/spouse/family member within 30 business days from the date of discharge.

If you have any questions about what to bring to treatment, please feel free to contact us anytime at
509-570-7250