

**Abe Brown Ministries, Inc.**  
**Transitional Living Program**  
**Mutual Covenant Agreement**

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The Transitional Living Program (TLP) of Abe Brown Ministries is established to provide the ex-offender with a safe residence, afford him the opportunity to attain employment, assist him in re-acclimating to society, and disciple him in living accountably and productively in the mainstream of life.

Abe Brown Ministries seeks to build upon and enhance the motivations of ex-offenders accepted into the program based upon its commitment to changing lives and communities, one person at a time. **Abe Brown Ministries request a referral from Chaplaincy Services verifying involvement in religious programs and services.**

In order to create such an environment, cooperation is required both from Abe Brown Ministries and the TLP participant. With this Mutual Covenant Agreement, Abe Brown Ministries commits to assist the participant, to the best of its ability, in transitioning back into the mainstream of life. The participant commits to adhere to the following:

Please initial each item in this Covenant Agreement, demonstrating that you understand and agree:

1. The **initial** continuation of my stay is month by month, based upon the evaluation of progress as determined by Abe Brown Ministries. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Daily Spiritual Growth and Development are required; verification forms must be signed by a designated person to be determined in conjunction with Abe Brown Ministries Staff and the appropriate persons: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly Bible Study** – Abe Brown Ministries, Inc.  
2922 N. 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tampa, FL 33610  
Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. **or**

First Baptist Church of College Hill  
3838 N. 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tampa, FL 33610  
Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.

**Weekly Sunday School** - First Baptist Church of College Hill  
3838 N. 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tampa, FL 33610  
Sunday at 9:45 AM

**Weekly Worship Services** - First Baptist Church of College Hill  
3838 N. 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tampa, FL 33610  
Sunday at 8:00 A.M. or 10:45 A.M.

3. Due to my previous history of substance abuse and/or relapse prevention, I will attend Addiction Support Group meetings at least once weekly at Abe Brown Ministries, Inc.:  
2922 N. 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tampa, FL 33610  
Monday at 6:30 P.M.

4. The Transitional Living Program Curfew is:  
 Weekdays - 10:00 P.M. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weekends – 10:00 PM. \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. TLP can be likened to a small community. As with any community, everyone should strive to maintain a peaceful environment for everyone to benefit. I will live in the transition home with a spirit of cooperation and respect for others regardless of one’s differences. **[Violence or aggression of any kind will result in immediate dismissal from the program].** \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. In order to maintain a safe environment, free of alcohol, drugs, cursing, and any other disrespectful or disruptive behavior, I agree to:  
**Abstain from the consumption of Alcohol** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Abstain from the use of drugs and submit to random drug screens** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Not have visits made directly to the TLP home from persons not directly related to Abe Brown Ministries, including family members, spouses, children, significant others, or friends** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Abstain from smoking inside the TLP home** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Abstain from profane language on the properties of Abe Brown Ministries** \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. I will assist in the daily maintenance, upkeep, and cleanliness of the TLP home, grounds and property ensuring that they are clean and in good condition at all times. This includes both my personal areas, such as those in the bedroom, as well as common areas, such as the living room, bathroom, kitchen, laundry areas, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
  
8. A telephone is provided in the TLP home for convenience of participants. I will respect fellow participants by limiting my time spent on the phone for social or family calls, particularly when others are waiting to make a call. I will not restrict the telephone use of others, either by limiting my phone conversations to 15 minutes and not making more than one call at a time or by holding the phone while waiting for a call. No inbound or outbound calls after curfew. \_\_\_\_\_
  
9. If any problems arise in the house, I will consult the Abe Brown Ministries Staff before seeking resolution. \_\_\_\_
  
10. I will be responsible for my own food preparation and maintain a clean eating area at all times. \_\_\_\_\_
  
11. Upon employment, and immediately after my first pay check, I will pay \$50 weekly program fee to Abe Brown Ministries towards utilities, phone bill, and other costs incurred to operate TLP. \_\_\_\_\_
  
12. In order to accumulate much needed funds for a more permanent transition, I will provide 50% of my net weekly earnings to Abe Brown Ministries as savings. These funds will be collected and deposited in a special bank savings account, and re-issued to me upon **successful discharge** from TLP. \_\_\_\_\_

### Successful Discharge

In order to be considered successfully discharged from the program, participants must be employed and demonstrate sufficient ability to transition into an identifiable, stable residence and live as a productive, contributing citizen in the community. Participant must also achieve the following criteria to be successfully discharged:

- Maintenance of sobriety and abstinence from drug use during the program
- Consistently pay rent
- Consistently participate in the TLP requirements for Spiritual Growth and Development and Addiction Support Group meetings
- Show evidence of connecting to the community through formal group participation in some organization, especially a church home and Christ-centered 12 Step Program.

### Unsuccessful Discharge

Participants may be discharged from the program for violation of TLP rules and/or failure to meet the requirements of a Successful Discharge as outlined above. Rule violations include:

- Confirmed drug or alcohol use, or misuse of prescribed medication
- Acts or threats of violence
- Criminal Activity
- Sexual activity at the TLP home
- Repeated refusal to participate in Spiritual Growth and Development, Addiction Support Group meetings, or any other aspect of the program that has been designed and agreed upon
- Activities which indicate a lack of motivation for finding a productive life style
- Disruptions to the progress of others

### Administrative Discharge

An administrative discharge implies neither success nor failure in the TLP program. Abe Brown Ministries Staff reserves the right and discretion to administratively discharge a participant at any time. Some of the reasons for administrative discharge from the program may include, but are not limited to:

- A Medical or Mental Health Condition that is beyond TLP's capacity and capability to treat and manage
- A Medical or Mental Health Condition that prohibits a program participant from participating in the program
- Death of the program participant
- Other circumstances leading to termination beyond the control of the program participant or program and is unrelated to program compliance.

13. In order to appropriately track the efficacy of TLP, an Exit Interview is conducted with departing participants. I will complete an Exit Interview prior to being discharged from the program. \_\_\_\_\_

14. I will agree to sign all forms and documents related to my participation in TLP upon my acceptance into the program. \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the above mentioned rules and regulations. I understand and agree to random drug screens by Abe Brown Ministries Staff. Should the staff, any time deem it necessary to discharge me from the program, irrespective of the circumstances, I will promptly (within 48 Hours) remove all my (and only my) personal belongings and vacate the premises. I understand that Abe Brown Ministries bears no responsibility to relocate me to another facility.

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(Signed)

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(Date)

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