

Criminal Background Investigation Policy

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois (RMHCCI) conducts a criminal history background check on all individuals (18 years of age or older) applying for temporary residence at RMHCCI. As a condition for acceptance as a temporary resident, each applicant shall authorize in writing a background investigation to determine if the applicant has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or otherwise acknowledged guilt of certain serious criminal or drug offenses. A criminal conviction record which reveals behavior that may adversely affect another individual's (e.g., other temporary residents, guests, staff, volunteers) health, safety, welfare and ability to peacefully enjoy the RMHC facility shall result in a denied application for temporary residence. No person shall be accepted as a temporary resident of RMHCCI until a criminal background investigation has been completed.

RMHCCI will not knowingly accept as a temporary resident a person who has been convicted of, pled guilty to, or otherwise acknowledged guilt of any Class X felony, domestic battery, aggravated domestic battery, or any crime directed against a child, as such offenses are set forth in the Illinois Criminal Code and any future amendments of such Code, or any person who is a registered sex offender. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a person is a registered sex offender based on conviction, guilty plea, or other acknowledged guilt of misdemeanor sexual assault as set forth in Section 11-1.50 of the Illinois Criminal Code, the Board of RMHCCI, in its sole discretion, may review the circumstances of such conviction, guilty plea, or acknowledgement of guilt and in its sole discretion may accept such person as a temporary resident.

Because it is our mission to create a home-like environment, in addition to the above, RMHCCI reserves the right to refuse admittance to individuals currently on parole, individuals with a recent criminal history of theft, robbery, burglary or the manufacture or sale of drugs, or any individual who provides false, incomplete, or misleading responses during the formal criminal history background check process. RMHCCI, in its sole discretion, will make that determination before granting an individual's application for temporary residence. RMHCCI also reserves the right to expel a guest for any other inappropriate, irresponsible, or criminal behavior that takes place while temporarily residing at the House.