

Student Handbook

RESTART

TRAINING CENTER MINISTRY

“LOVING PEOPLE to SPIRITUAL RENEWAL”

Mission Statement

“To change the lives of men with addictions and their families by introducing them to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, helping them process their past trauma and presenting problems in a healthy, productive way, and become positive members of society and train them to help others.”

Vision

“To Transform Addicted Men and Their Families into Disciples of Jesus Christ”

**Proverbs 24:11 “Deliver *those who* are drawn toward death,
And hold back *those* stumbling to the slaughter.”**

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Welcome...

to Restart Training Center Ministry. You are here to train into a disciple of Jesus Christ by cultivating a personal relationship with Him. Through your relationship with Jesus, you will learn to live victorious and free from all your life-controlling problems that will lead to peace in your relationships and life.

The ministry of Restart Training Center was envisioned by successful Christian business men and leaders from the Susquehanna Valley region in 2015 that recognized the great need for a training center that could offer both spiritual and life-skills training to men and their families who struggle with various life-controlling problems. It is their desire to provide a safe place for you to come and learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and good citizen.

This student handbook is intended to be your rules guideline for conduct, and daily activity at the Training Center. This is your home until the RTCM staff sense from God you have achieved your goals in coming to us for help. You must honor God, the staff, and your fellow students with the love of God.

1. You will be on a two week black out, which means no phone calls and no gym.
2. Letters are permitted immediately to write, or receive to only approved contacts.
3. Beards are to be shaved within 24 hours, and hair appropriately cut by the first Saturday upon entry into the center.
4. You will be assigned a counselor within 24 hours.
5. No visitations of any kind will be allowed for your first 30 days.

General

1. Possession, distribution or use of drugs or alcohol will result in your **immediate dismissal**. In case of situations involving illegal drugs, the police will be notified.
2. Cursing, street slang, drug talk, gambling or inappropriate talk about women is not permitted. Discipline will be given for violation of this policy. 2pt
3. Students must follow the program schedule. 1pt
*Schedule is subject to change
4. Use acceptable forms of address to and about others. 1pt
5. No requests to staff who are **off-duty**. See whiteboard for "staff on duty". 1pt
6. Students must arrive to class, chapel, prayer, study, devotion, meals, etc. **at least 5 mins. prior** to start times. **If late for any reason, you must get a pass from the staff responsible for your being late.* 1pt
7. Room doors **must** remain at (90 degrees) open at **all** times. 1pt
8. No hand signals allowed when taking pictures for public relations. **Discipline will be given.** 1pt

9. **All** counseling issues must go through your counselor. 1pt
10. Students are not permitted to knock on staff's rooms (this does not include office's). 1pt
11. Students are not permitted to touch any bulletin boards or information boards except for signing up on the phone call list, haircuts, and/or visits.
12. Students **must** have staff permission to go outside of center building. 3pt
13. No food or drinks allowed in vehicles, during class, or chapel. 1pt
14. No **GUM** allowed while in RTCM. 2pt
15. Students are not permitted in **off limits** designated areas. 1pt
16. Except for scheduled free time, no lying down or sleeping during the day without staff approval. 2pt
17. Violence/fighting are never tolerated. This includes a push, shove or a threat to do so. Any violation of this policy will result in **immediate dismissal** and our contacting the police. *** There is also to be no horseplay or pranks of any kind**
18. If you are ill in the morning, see the staff on duty & counselor for permission to be on bed rest. 2pt
19. Bed rest is permitted only if you are sick or have been injured. Students are limited to bedrooms for **entire day**. Liquid meals will be served to sickbed students the entire day. **All bed rest must be approved through staff on duty and counselor informed. 1pt*
20. Tobacco use is not permitted. 30 days extra in the center for first violation and **dismissal** will result upon second violation.
21. Students are not allowed to touch any Center electronics or appliances without prior staff permission (i.e. air conditioners, phones, TV remotes, etc.). 3pt
22. Lights in classroom/chapel are to remain on at all time during business hours when occupied. 1pt
23. Lights are to be turned off in classroom/chapel, bedroom, and bathroom whenever leaving that area unoccupied. 1pt
24. Statements of Faith conversations that do not follow the *ministries* Statements of Faith are not allowed by students or staff. 2pt
25. All requests, questions, and/or concerns about the program must be done through the proper channels of staff which apply to that issue (e.g. counseling issues to counselor, legal/medical issues to Asst. Director etc.). 1pt

26. Whenever walking to and from locations students are to travel together **as a group**.
27. Business Hours: *Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm Please inform your approved contacts.*
28. Disrespecting staff, challenging the authority of staff, attempting to manipulate staff, rebellious/defiant behavior, murmuring/complaining, whispering/conspiring, attitudes of ingratitude and self entitlement, self righteousness and all behaviors unbecoming of a Christian **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED** 3pt
29. Any student saying anything in a public event setting that is derogatory in nature about Restart Training Center Ministry or the church being visited will be dismissed immediately and cannot return.
30. If the staff member is in classroom for movie, students must be in classroom or their room. 1pt
31. Having a cell phone will result in being put on indefinite discipline and 30days longer in program (1st offense) and dismissal from center 2nd offence). 3pt

Kitchen and Beverages

1. No eating food in kitchen at any time. 1pt
2. No students allowed in kitchen unless it's your chore. 2pt
3. No students allowed in kitchen fridge or freezers. 2pt
4. Coffee allowed only at breakfast unless staff approves it. 1pt
5. Soda, milk, and juice are only allowed during meals (no soda at breakfast). 1pt

Wake Up (Mon-Fri.)

1. Wake up is at 6:15 AM. Feet **must** be on the floor by 6:20 AM. 1pt
2. Students must be ready for devotionals by 6:30; once devotionals start you are not permitted to leave (we recommend you follow Proverbs for the day) (no talking, no bathroom). 2pt
3. Students may go to classroom to pray a ½ hour prior to wake-up. This is a **quiet time** of prayer/devotions. ***NOTE:** Once student enters classroom he is confined to the classroom until staff announces wake-up time. 1pt

Shopping

1. No student is allowed to check out by themselves. We check out as a group with staff present. 2pt
2. Students will shop with assigned staff and remain in aisle until staff okays movement to next aisle. 2pt
3. No bathroom breaks without staff approval and always with a partner. 2pt

4. All item purchased must be in compliance with the standards of RTCM. All food, drink, and candy not allowed in room must be eaten by room time the same day. There can be no storage of any food or drink items in any location of RTCM (other than allowable hard candy/water items in room). 2pt

Chapel, Devotions, and Church

1. No talking to opposite sex in churches without staff permission and presence. 3pt
2. All students are to sit together in all church related services on front roll. **With permission given by Staff on duty** immediate family member can sit with their student with group only. **(NO Girlfriends unless approved by Executive Director)** Family must be dressed appropriately 2pt
3. Jeans and/or sneakers or sandals may not be worn to outside church/chapel services without staff permission. 1pt
4. Dress clothes must be worn at all church/chapel services in/outside RTCM. 1pt
5. You are not permitted to visit or exchange addresses with anyone, *especially women*. 3pt
6. You must get staff permission to go to the restroom and you must go in pairs.
**No going to the restroom once Chapel service has begun (absolute emergencies only)! 2pt*
7. Prayer time is for prayer - only. 2pt
8. Morning and evening devotions are for bible reading or approved devotional book only.
Devotional books must be approved by your counselor or operations director 2pt
9. Students must bring a Bible and notebook to **all** chapel services, in-house, outings, etc. 2 pt
10. Student ministry participation is required by all students under the direction of student ministry director-NO TALKING. 1pt
11. Outing ministry uniform as follows. Black dress pants and white shirt (long sleeve in winter/ short sleeve in summer) and dress shoes. **NO WORK BOOTS OR SNEAKERS.** 1 pt
12. Students may go into the chapel during evening devotion time for quiet reflection and personal devotion and prayer or bible reading. **THIS IS A PRIVILEGE AND CAN BE SUSPENDED.** This is a quiet time. Please be respectful of your brothers.

Mail

1. All mail will be opened by counselor or Director.
2. All letters not on your communication list will be previewed by your counselor before it is given to you. If the letter is not appropriate you will be required to shut off all correspondence with them.

3. You are not to correspond with friends from the street, or prison, or anyone not Included on contact list. 2pt
4. Mail will be handed out by executive or asst. directors. Do not ask for it or investigate whether you received any. 1pt
5. All outgoing mail must be put under counselor's door for approval prior to sending. Counselor will then place outgoing mail in mailbox. *All mail, incoming and outgoing, must have a return address on envelope. **Please note that all incoming mail must be addressed in the following format:**
 Restart Training Center Ministry
 c/o (your name)
 PO Box 153
 Strasburg, PA 17579
Any mail not addressed as above will be returned to sender (per the US Postmaster). Thank You! 2pt
6. Any incoming/outgoing mail that does not have the correct postage will be returned to sender.

Phone Calls

1. You must be here for two weeks before making phone calls. **All calls are out-going only (no incoming calls).**
2. All calls/phone numbers **must be dialed by staff on duty only.** Students are not allowed to dial the call. 2pt
3. You may only call those on your communication list, unless special permission is given in writing from your counselor. 2pt
4. In 1st month (30 days after intake date), you are permitted **two** phone calls per week, at 15 minutes max. per call. **(No grace calls without counselor permission).* Phone privileges increase with monthly progression pending counselor's approval.
5. Calls are only to be made within the phone call schedule.
6. You must sign the board BEFORE 8:00 a.m. on the day you wish to make a call. 2pt
7. If you do not sign the phone list, you do not make a call. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** 2pt
8. You cannot switch with other students on the list. 1pt
9. No splitting phone time (i.e., three 5 min. calls equaling one 15 min. call). 2pt
10. No combining calls (i.e., one 30 min. call equaling two 15 min. calls). 2pt
11. You must sign and print the phone log after you make a phone call. 2pt

12. All calls are to be made in visitors' area. 1pt

Meals

1. No food in student rooms, other than hard candy or water. 2pt
2. **All** food/ must be consumed at time of acquisition. 1pt
3. No food is to be brought back by students from **any** off-campus outings or activities.
*This includes visits, or any other off-campus activities without prior staff approval.
4. No food or drinks may be taken out of the dining hall. 2pt
5. You must sit and remain at your assigned table. No cross-table food exchanges. 1pt
6. You will periodically be assigned to clean the tables, sweep, etc. 1pt
7. You must have written permission to fast from your counselor. 1pt
8. **No** sandals, shorts, white T-shirts or tank tops can be worn in dining hall. 1pt
9. Snacks will be offered on a nightly basis.
10. The staff on duty will announce snack time for all students, do NOT ask. 1pt
11. No food allowed in classroom area. All food must be consumed in the dining hall. The only exception is when watching a movie. Then and only then can you **have a drink and a snack** in the classroom area with prior staff approval. 2pt
12. No excessive lingering at meal times. * Continual warnings will be interpreted as passive aggressive behavior and will result in discipline. 2pt

Money

1. **All** money must be turned in to the Director to be secured. **You must get a receipt signed by a staff member.** This is to be turned into the Director as well as the monies to be added to your account.
2. While in the Center, students will be permitted to have \$15 dollars max at any given time in their possession. Students violating this policy will have their money confiscated and that money will become the property of the Center (searches will be conducted unannounced). 2pt
3. Students receive commissary money on Monday afternoons. **Do not ask about it.**
4. Student's visitors **must** turn in money to staff on duty only. And sign a receipt to give to the director.

5. Money for bookstore must be requested the day before, during business hours. A receipt must be turned in to the Director.
6. There is to be no loaning of money to/from staff or fellow students. All financial transactions/exchanges must be done through both counselor and executive director. 3pt

Musical Instruments

1. You may bring/keep your own instruments upon approval of the Director.
2. The use of the instrument may be suspended if it is abused.
3. Instruments may be played outside, in your room (with roommates permission), or the classroom (with permission of other students in classroom).
4. Instruments may only be played after business hours, during free time only. 2pt

Personal Hygiene and Grooming

1. Shower daily 1pt
 - a. The student rooms will get ½ hour per day to take showers
 - b. Each student is permitted a 5 minute shower
 - c. Shower time will start when staff on duty says to start, do not ask other staff members
 - d. Order in shower will be based on seniority in room
 - e. No showers in the morning
 - f. One shower allowed per day, per student

* If showers for a room goes over ½ hour time period, the entire room receives discipline 1pt
2. Be covered with clothes or a robe, both to and from bathroom area when showering. 3pt
3. Be clean-shaven daily. No sharing razors with other students. 1pt
4. Wash your hands after each use of the bathroom. Mandatory! No Exceptions! 1pt
5. Hair may reach the top of the collar and the top of the ear only, and must be combed daily. Hair may be cut **ONLY** on Saturdays from 7:30am - 9:00 p.m. Hair may be cut only **once per month**. You **must sign up** for a haircut. The haircut log must be signed upon completion of haircut*(*shape-ups are considered as a haircut—anytime another person assists, it is considered a haircut*). 1pt
6. Dress neatly and appropriately for all occasions. Shirts **must be tucked in** during Chapel, class, church and outside activities. **(only exception: square bottom fully buttoned up collared shirts and sweaters,)* 1pt
7. Socks must be worn with all footwear. 1pt
8. No hats may be worn in the center any time. Dewrags/bandanas on the head, neck or dangling from

the pocket are not permitted. 1pt

9. Torn and/or tattered clothing is **not allowed**. 1pt
10. Pants, shorts, pajamas, etc. **must be kept** at the waist. 1pt
11. Sweatpants and shorts are not permitted during business hours. 1pt
12. No piercings of any kind. 1pt

Recreation

1. Participation is required in all recreational activities.
2. When involved with a recreation at outside facilities, stay in designated areas. 2pt
3. Maintain a Christian witness in all sports and leisure activities. 2pt
4. Tank tops may only be worn for sports activities or in gym, and in room only at bedtime. Shorts may be worn indoors after 4:30pm. Outdoors, **in season only** (May 15 – Sept 30). Shirts must be worn at all times. 1pt
5. Board games (chess, etc.) are privileges and may be taken if they are abused. Gambling **will result** in discipline or dismissal. 2pt
6. Exercise (pushups, etc) is only allowed in your room. No workout equipment of any kind allowed in your room. 2pt
7. Listening to music, and **all** recreational activities are to be done in the classroom area **only**. **All recreation (Movies, music, games, etc.) ends for the night per schedule or at staff discretion. 1pt*
8. **No secular material allowed** unless approved by your counselor in writing. *No CDs, DVD's, cassette tapes, etc. of any kind allowed in rooms at anytime. 2pt
9. No recreation of any kind is permitted during business hours. **(8am-4:30pm) 1pt*

Rooms/Bedtime

1. Food, candy and drinks may not be in your room. The only exception is water or individually wrapped hard candy. 2pt
2. Do not leave air conditioners running or lights on when you leave your room. 1pt
3. Rooms are to be neat and clean at all times. (Neat bed with no clothes on it, clothes put away) 2pt
4. Do not add to the decor of your room (i.e., thumb tacks, nails, tape, etc.). 1pt

5. You may have pictures of your family only. A photo album would be recommended. No pictures on the walls. 1pt
6. All clothing is to be properly hung in the closet or neatly folded in the dresser. 1pt
7. Robes are to be hung in your closet and towels on your bed rail. 1pt
8. Laundry is done on your day based on the schedule (check announcement board); laundry must be brought downstairs by 8 AM. 1pt
9. Rooms may be checked/searched at **any** time.
10. Other than using the toilet (not sink to get ready & showering), you **must quietly remain in your rooms** between scheduled **lights out** time and scheduled **wake-up** time (unless in prayer chain). 2pt
11. Having lights (other than small book lights) on after lights out time is **not** permitted. 1pt
12. Be in your room and quiet **BY** devotion time, prepared for bed.
**Must remain in rooms between p.m. devotional room time and lights out. 1pt*
13. **Do not** enter another student's room. **" This includes reaching, standing, leaning, etc. in the room doors. No breaking the plane of the doorway area. 2pt*
14. In regards to scheduled room times, when there is a conflict of scheduling, the staff on duty will make necessary schedule changes to accommodate scheduling conflict.
15. Lights must be on in rooms at all times when occupied, other than scheduled *lights out*.
16. There is to be no talking after *lights out* time. 1pt
17. There is to be no loitering in **any** doorways at **anytime. 2pt**
18. Only a personal bottle of water is to be kept in your room, **NO extra bottles 1pt**
19. Room doors must be kept 90 degrees open at all times. **Close door only when guests are here and you are getting dressed with staff permission. 1pt**

Movies and Music

1. Movies will only be viewed on weekends or Fri. Nights. **Movies played any other time must be approved by the House Manager**
2. Videos allowed are G, PG, and PG-13 only, with House Manager's approval.
3. The television and radio are only to be touched by Staff. 2pt

4. Students are **not allowed** to pick videos. 1pt
5. Secular music is **not allowed** at all in the program or in vehicles. 1pt
6. Students may not have radios, MP3 –type players, tape/CD players, clock radios, etc. 3pt
7. Music is to be turned off *for the night, every night per schedule*.
8. During business hours all movies/videos are to be Christian-based only.

Visits

1. Visits are every Saturday of each month from 3:00PM to 6:00PM and per student privilege level.
2. Visits start at the time visitor arrives, between 3:00PM-6:00PM. Student is allowed to visit for their allotted time, **within** the visiting hours/privileges. Visits end at 6:00pm regardless of visitors' time of arrival.
3. Pastors may visit once per week, with 24 hour notice, any day of the week.
4. All visitors must sign in when they arrive. Student must sign his visitation schedule. All visits must be in the family room. **Staff permission is required to visit outdoors. 1pt*
5. Visitors who are not family members will not be permitted. Violation will result in one month loss of privileges.
6. No visitor is allowed in any rooms except the visitation area and the restrooms. 2pt
7. If your family brings food and or drink during visitation, **they must bring enough for the entire student body** and it must be cleared with your counselor and the house manager.
8. The visitation area is off limits to other students on Saturdays from 3:00PM to 6:00PM, when students are visiting with their families.
9. All packages brought by visitors must be turned in to staff for inspection. All items deemed not suitable at ROFM **must be returned to family before they leave 2pt**
10. All money from visitors must be turned in to staff on duty. The visitor must receive a receipt from the staff member and turn in signed receipt along with money to the Director or the House Manager.
11. You may not participate in another student's visit. 1pt
12. If you have fathered a child, visits will be allowed for the express purpose of seeing your child. The child's mother is not to visit at all if the child is not present. 2pt
13. No talking on cell phones. 2pt

14. Do not touch or pick up any children, unless they are your own. Know where your children are at all times. 3pt
15. Do not enter the vehicle of any visitor. 2pt
16. Do not take food from any visitor. 1pt

Class

1. Arrive to class **at least 5 min.** prior to schedule starting time, seated, ready to begin. 1pt
2. Fully complete all class assignments on time. 1pt
3. A charge may be given for any lost materials.
4. Study Time is a quiet time-No talking at all. 1 pt
5. Turn in all RTCM materials. Materials may be purchased if available.

Chores

1. Daily chore duties are required, and will be done at 5:45 p.m. daily. 2pt
2. House chores will run on a rotating basis and will be posted.
3. **All chores** will be checked by staff on duty.
4. When there are work days in the community or at other specific places, behave as a representative of RTCM and Jesus Christ. 2pt

Medication

1. All medication **must** be approved by the Director. Medications containing any form of narcotic, including codeine, are not permitted.
2. Students **must** report to their counselor one week **before** their non-narcotic prescriptions run out to get a refill, as prescribed by a doctor.
3. Students requiring irregular medical attention **will be given** a medical dismissal from the program, with the **exception** of emergencies.
4. Do not purchase over-the-counter medicine. Only exceptions are vitamin C and multi vitamins. NOTE if these are purchased they will be for HOUSE use. 2pt
5. No students are to touch the medicine cabinet. It is grounds for possible dismissal.
6. Medication will be dispensed, according to dosage schedule, or as prescribed by doctor, or manufacturer only.

7. A cup of water must be brought with you when getting medication. **No water, no medication, period.** Student will then report to back of the line with water. 1pt
8. No medication, internal or topical, is to be kept in your room. **Includes sunblock. 1pt*
9. **Do not accept** any medication from outside sources, except a medical doctor.

Discipline

1. Discipline is given to aid in the development of self-discipline.
2. Discipline is given when a rule is violated or an inappropriate attitude is manifested.
3. Discipline consists of a significant loss of privileges and/or additional work assignments and/or memorization assignments, or other measures deemed appropriate by staff.
4. After continual disciplinary problems, a suspension from the program for at least thirty days may become necessary and probable. **This includes indefinite discipline. Any tickets rec'd during indefinite discipline results in automatic 30-day suspension.*
5. Violation of certain rules such as threats, fighting, attempting to get high, or the possession of drugs, etc., will result in immediate dismissal.
6. Discipline is to be received as an adult, and that area improved upon.

Point System

11 points – automatic 30 extra days in program

15 points – automatic added 30 extra days in program

18 points – dismissal

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete all memory verses.
2. Complete all classes and counselor requirements.
3. Be approved by the staff of readiness for graduation and an approved re-entry home plan.
4. RTCM program Student length of stay is a case-by-case basis, depending on students' progress and behavior and majority of staff discernment.

A Final Reminder

Always be aware that **you** came to **us** for help. **You** sought **us** out in your time of need. **We** did not come to **you**.

Therefore, **you** have submitted yourself to all that this program entails. This means that complaining, whining, etc., about the program will not be tolerated. If this program is not to your liking, remember that you are always free to leave. If, however it is your desire to stay and grow within the limits set for you, do so as an adult. If you leave the program, you will not be allowed back in this specific center.

The staff will always be available to help in any way they can. Please take advantage of their counsel and experience. We encourage you to dedicate yourself to the Lord while you are here, remembering that, **“God rewards those who diligently seek Him.”** (Heb. 11:6)

GOD BLESS YOU

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I _____, hereby acknowledge that I have read,
(print name)
understand, and will obey the rules of the Restart Training Center Ministry Handbook.

Student's Signature

Date

Intake Coordinator's Signature

Date