

# NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ADULT CORRECTION

## Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Programs

### Black Mountain Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Women

#### Visitation Policy

**When: VISITATION IS NOT CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED**

**Time: VISITATION UPDATES WILL BE DISSEMINATED AS APPROVED**

Black Mountain Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Women (Black Mountain) views visitation as a PRIVILEGE earned through continuous constructive participation in the treatment program and adherence to program rules. In general, each resident will be allowed THREE guests on campus during any given visitation time. However, we recognize the importance of healthy family systems in recovery and exceptions may be made for additional children of the individual, when to do so contributes to the program goals of the resident.

In an effort to ensure the safety of each participant, all visitors must adhere to the policies and procedures of the center while on the grounds. Violations may result in the visitor being asked to leave the grounds, with the possibility of loss of future visitation privileges. Black Mountain reserves the right to suspend visitation activity at any time and may search any item brought on the grounds.

- Initial visitation may be allowed THREE weeks after arrival if resident has achieved Early Treatment status.
- All names of requested visitors must be provided to the center at least ten days in advance of any visitation. Appropriate staff will review custody orders, offender registries, and court records. The facility will abide by all applicable prohibitions established by appropriate agencies, to include the criminal justice system and/or the Department of Social Services, in determining appropriateness of visitors.
- Persons in the following categories will not be allowed to visit:
  - a) On active probation or released from probation within the last six months (Exceptions can be made by the Facility Manager for immediate family members)
  - b) Pending legal charges
  - c) Released from incarceration within the last six months (Exceptions can be made by the Facility Manager for immediate family members)
  - d) Registered as a sex offender
- After the initial waiting period, weekly visitation may be allowed.
- In order to protect the confidentiality of all residents, each adult visitor must sign the "Acknowledgement of Confidentiality" register and a sign-in list at the door.
- Appropriate areas will be established for visitation. Staff will provide overall supervision of visitation activity. Adult visitors and the resident will be responsible for the supervision of the children who visit.
- No food or beverage from outside the facility will be allowed during visitation, without prior approval.
- Special visitation arrangements may be considered per staff review and approval.
- All visitors will adhere to the dress code of the facility, as discussed with each resident upon orientation into the program. Visitors may not be "under the influence" of drugs and/or alcohol. Buildings and grounds are "smoke free" zones.