



Policy For Men Released From Jail or Prison and Registered Sex Offenders As of 10/27/15

Overview

MSC is an emergency shelter homeless services provider and does not serve as a half-way house or transitional housing agency. MSC is not a mental health or substance abuse recovery or treatment facility. MSC is not an acceptable “step-down” option for other systems. Therefore, MSC does not accept registered sex offenders, and will not accept inmates upon immediate release from state or federal prison. MSC will provide short-term emergency shelter for men being released from Mecklenburg County jail provided they meet MSC’s criteria:

Mecklenburg County Jail Releases:

1. The released inmate must have been a citizen of Mecklenburg County and homeless at the time of incarceration;
2. Must be homeless at time of release according to MSC’s homeless verification process;
3. Needs (i.e. medical, mental health, substance abuse, behavior) must not be greater than MSC’s emergency shelter can accommodate. MSC will make this determination;
4. Must be willing to participate in shelter services; and
5. MSC must have space to accommodate.
6. Questions should be directed to MSC’s Program Director or Shelter Director.

State or Federal Prison Releases:

MSC does not accept inmates being released from state or federal prison.

Registered Sex Offenders

MSC does not accept registered sex offenders and will screen for offender status at time of initial eligibility intake or any time deemed necessary.