

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in TPOM Transitional House, a re-entry community for returning citizens. We have a house for men and a house for women. We are a non-profit ministry, providing holistic services for returning citizens including housing, job training, job placement, counseling, AA/NA and mentoring.

About TPOM

We are located in Nashville, near a major bus line and in close proximity to downtown. We are a faith-based organization, and our Christian perspective serves as the foundation of our ministry.

Who We Can Accept

We welcome all returning citizens to our open programming such as Sunday fellowship but we are unable to consider housing applicants with convictions of sex offences (by law because of our placement near a school).

In order to be considered for the Transition House, applicants must have some history that qualifies as a disability. This can include drug or alcohol addiction or abuse, anxiety, depression or other kinds of mental health issues. You must list a qualifying disability on your application.

Please note that residents of the Transition House must be able to work and to walk up and down a flight of stairs to get to their bedrooms.

Application

If you are interested in applying for admission, please read over the guidelines and ensure that this program fits your needs and interests. If you decide to complete an application, be sure to complete the Release of Information and to submit all supporting documents at the same time. These include:

- **TOMIS offender sentence letter and face sheet.**
- **disciplinary records.**
- **copies of certificates, if any.**
- **letters of recommendation, if any.**

Once we receive your **fully completed application, Release of Information and required documents**, we will begin the assessment process.

- If we are unable to meet your needs or do not have bed space available when you are expecting to need it, we will send you a letter declining your application.
- If we have space and consider you for admission, we will schedule an interview with you through your Case Manager or Re-entry Specialist.

Pre-Acceptance

Following this interview we will determine if we will be able to pre-accept you into TPOM's program and will send you a letter with our decision. Please understand that this pre-acceptance will remain dependent on your continued ability to make parole without further disciplinary issues and upon TPOM having bed space available at the time you leave prison.

If you are required to attend a program that sets back the date of your release or takes you to a different prison, you must communicate this to TPOM. Not communicating these changes could invalidate your pre-acceptance into our program.

Acceptance

When you have made parole, finished all required programs and are ready to be released, you or a prison official must contact us to verify bed availability. If a bed is available, then we will be able to accept those who either:

- Receive Reentry Partnership Housing (RHP) funding, or
- Prepay \$500, which covers the first 2 weeks of rent, a 30-day bus pass and deposit.

If you are going to be receiving RHP funding, DO NOT send money to hold a bed as this will cancel your funding.

Rent

Rent is based upon income.

Weekly income	Rent
Up to \$550	\$145
First week at \$550 or above	\$155
First week at \$600 or above	\$165

Upon Release

Once released, you must come directly to TPOM. If you are coming from out of town, please have the prison let us know when and where you will be arriving so that we can plan to pick you up. If you are from a Nashville facility, we will provide transportation from the facility to TPOM.

Best Regards,
Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry

Application

Name:		Date of application:	
Date of birth:		Age:	
Ethnicity:		Gender:	
Jail/prison ID:		Veteran? Y N	
Jail/prison facility:			
Jail/prison address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Actual or expected release date:			

Health			
Diagnosed major medical issues:			
Diagnosed mental health issues:			
Diagnosed with: HIV? Y N	Hepatitis C? Y N	Tuberculosis? Y N	Able to walk up stairs? Y N
Do you plan on applying for Social Security Disability benefits? Y N			
List current medical conditions:			
List current medications:			
Any health issues that limit your ability to work or live in a community setting?			

Substance Issues			
History of alcohol addiction/abuse? Y N		Date of last drink:	
History of drug addiction/abuse? Y N	Date of last drug use:	Drug of choice:	
List primary drugs used in past 3 years:			
List any treatment programs completed:			

Education	
High school graduate, GED or HiSET? Y N	If no, what was highest grade completed?
College graduate? Y N Degree:	Trade school? Y N What trade?
List classes/programs completed while incarcerated:	

Employment	
Most recent employer:	How long at last job?
Reason for termination:	Physically able to work: Y N
List job skills:	
List prison jobs:	

Incarceration	
Current conviction(s):	
County of conviction(s):	
Length of sentence:	Date incarcerated:
Will you be on probation/parole? Y N	On sex offender registry? Y N

People in Your Life	
Emergency Contact:	Phone:
Relationship to you:	Email:
Address:	
Your marital status:	
Are you in contact with family members? Y N	If yes, explain who visits/calls and how often:
Does your family provide financial support? Y N	If yes, how much per month?
Minor children? Y N	Age of children:
Who has custody of children?	Child support obligations? Y N
Will you be seeking to get your child/children from foster care/family members? Y N	
If so, do you have a Permanency Plan? Y N	
What is required in it?	
Do you have any No Contact orders? Y N	If yes, for whom?

Reflections
Why do you want to come to TPOM Transitional House?
What is one thing that you hope to achieve as you begin life beyond jail/prison?

Agreement
<p>I agree that if I am accepted into the TPOM Transitional House program, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be free from all addictive substances. • Pass an initial drug screen. • Take medication ordered by doctor for mental or physical issues. • Provide a list of medical needs and medications. • Be able to walk up and down a flight of stairs. • Be able to engage in physical labor. • Abide by the TPOM rules and regulations as explained in the Summary of TPOM Transitional House Program Rules and Regulations. • Actively seek work and expect to be employed. • Attend counseling, 12-step program meetings and other required sessions. • Submit to random drug/alcohol screenings. • Attend the weekly TPOM church service. • Send TPOM an official copy of all prison/jail write-ups. <p>I understand that false or misleading information on this application is cause for denial or dismissal from the program.</p>
Signature of applicant:



**TPOM Transitional Housing Program
Consent for Release of Information**

I, _____, agree with my signature below to the release of all case records, including medical records, held by the State of Tennessee Department of Corrections, the Federal Bureau of Prisons or local county jails. I give my permission for these records to be forwarded to representatives of:

Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry
136 Rains Avenue
Nashville, TN 37203
Ph: (615) 870-1126
Fax: 615-865-6248

I understand that I am authorizing the release of any and all of the following:

- Medical history, health status, diagnosis, laboratory tests and treatment reports.
- Psychological evaluations and/or psychiatric evaluation reports
- Social history data (including family information), education and any other related material.
- Institutional records, including Department of Corrections, FBI and/or TBI sheets, criminal history, facility disciplinary reports, parole/probation reports, TRICOR reports, case management records, work history, chaplain summaries and/or classification summaries.

I understand that this information may be used for the following purposes:

- Determination of program admissions process.
- Coordination of medical, psychological, and social rehabilitation.
- Development of a treatment and/or rehabilitation plan.

Applicant printed name: _____

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

Information obtained will remain confidential and will only be shared in accordance with federal privacy laws. This consent will expire 365 days from the date of signature, unless otherwise specified in writing.

Mission Statement

At TPOM, we believe that we are formed in God's image and called to live in community. TPOM believes in second chances, and all members of our community are responsible for making every effort to live in a harmonious relationship with others. This is why TPOM is committed to reuniting the returning citizen with God, family and community. Participants in the TPOM Transitional Housing Program are expected to meet guidelines and standards so that they can live together in a healthy and supportive atmosphere.

I. TPOM Program

Successful Completion of the Program

Participants successfully complete the program when they have:

- Participated in TPOM's required programs, including:
 - Orientation programming
 - 4 technology classes
 - Weekly AA/NA
 - Weekly religious service
 - Weekly counseling
 - Other classes or programs as assigned
 - Weekly meetings with mentor if assigned
- Obtained full-time employment.
- Maintained sobriety.
- Abided by curfews determined by participants' phase in the program.
- Returned on time from overnight and weekend passes.
- Completed all 4 phases of the program, usually accomplished in about 120-160 days.
- Maintained a bank account.
- Completed an exit plan.

Discharge from the Program

Participants who do not comply with program rules or who leave the program without notice for a period of 24 hours will be discharged from the program.

Employment Services

Participants begin working toward full-time employment within a week of entering the TPOM program. They must be working at least 30 hours per week in order to complete Phase 1 and must have gainful full-time employment to complete Phase 2. TPOM provides help in developing resumes, accessing employment leads, and other areas of employment services.

II. Living in the Transition House

Food

Participants are responsible for their own food purchasing and meal preparation.

Bedrooms and Personal Belongings

Each bedroom has 2 twin beds; participants share a bedroom. Linens are supplied. Closet space is limited. All personal belongings brought into the Transition House will be screened by staff to ensure that they meet appropriate safety standards.

House Chores and Maintenance

Participants are responsible for keeping their bedrooms and bathrooms neat and orderly. They also are expected to perform chores to keep the Transition House and Re-entry Center clean and neat.

Personal Appearance

Participants are expected to maintain personal cleanliness and dress appropriately at all times. TPOM will assist with initial clothing needs upon release from the prison facility.

Visitors, Including Children

TPOM encourages participants to spend time with friends and family, including minor children. However, we are not able to accommodate visitation inside TPOM facilities except during prearranged programming.

Transportation

The Transitional House is near a bus line in South Nashville. TPOM can assist with an initial bus pass if needed; once participants are employed they are responsible for the cost of transportation. Participants can earn the right to keep a personal vehicle on TPOM property when they have achieved Phase 3, 2-3 months after entering the program.

Computer Accessibility and Use

Computers with internet accessibility are available for participants' use in the TPOM computer labs.

Medical Care and Medication

TPOM does not provide direct medical care of any kind. TPOM's case managers may provide referrals to low-cost medical service providers, health and dental clinics and pharmacy programs. As a condition of residency, all participants who have medication prescribed to them are required to take their medication as prescribed.

III. Substances and Violence

Alcohol, Illegal Drugs and Weapons

Sobriety is expected of all residents living in the Transition House and participating in TPOM programs. No alcohol, illegal substances or weapons are allowed anywhere on TPOM property including in vehicles. To provide a safe community for those in recovery, TPOM embraces our mandated responsibility to TDOC to conduct frequent and random drug and alcohol screenings.

Safe Environment/No Violence

TPOM works to provide a safe environment for all residents. TPOM does not tolerate any type of violence committed by or against residents, staff, volunteers, or anyone else on TPOM property.

Smoking

Smoking, including vaping, electronic cigarettes and the use of smokeless tobacco (example: chew or snuff), is allowed on TPOM's campus IN DESIGNATED AREAS. There is no smoking inside the facilities.