

TEEN CHALLENGE MONTEREY BAY

A NEW WAY OF LIFE FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Teen Challenge Monterey Bay (TCMB) is a long-term Christian residential discipleship program for adult men or women with life-controlling issues. Those entering the program are referred to as “Students”.

There is no cost for a student to enter our program. Individuals interested in the program should be willing to commit to a minimum of 13 months.

Things to consider before entering the program:

- This is a non-smoking facility.
- TCMB does not allow mood-altering, psychiatric medications or withdrawal medications. A student needs to present a doctor’s order with instructions to taper off any of this type of medication to qualify for our program. A student who has a history of depression or self-destruction should provide a statement from their physician stating they are not a threat to themselves or others. [A doctor’s release form is in the intake packet].
- TCMB is not a medical facility. Individuals with chronic or significant medical difficulties should bring these up to the Intake Coordinator.
- TCMB will work with Probation and/or the Court system. However, the student is responsible for paying traveling, parking, etc. related to Court trips.
- Blood testing and results are required for HIV, Hep A, B, and C, STD and Tuberculosis. Students are responsible for the cost. Students should obtain this prior to entering the program. If this is not possible, please review this with the Intake Coordinator prior to coming to the Center.
- Felony convictions or requirements to register under Megan’s Law should be brought to the attention of the Intake Coordinator. How this will affect eligibility to enter the TCMB program is reviewed on an individual basis.
- TCMB is a Christian program. Students are required to attend church and participate in faith-based curriculum and studies that are from the Bible.
- Detox at TCMB is “Cold Turkey” and can present serious medical circumstances. If in doubt, first seek professional medical guidance and inform the Intake Coordinator prior to coming to the Center. Students are responsible for their own medical treatment, cost of care and transportation.
- TCMB has zero tolerance for illegal substances brought to our facilities. It is the policy of TCMB to contact the police if there is a credible suspicion.
- Students will be in “Crisis” for 30 – 60 days. No phone calls, letters, packages, etc. will be allowed during that time.
- If a Student goes through Crisis at Pajaro Induction Center, a committee meeting will be held at the end of their Crisis program. At that time a determination will be made as to the best location for that student to succeed.

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- This could include (but not limited to) any Teen Challenge center in the North West California Nevada District. A student may express their preference for a specific location after Crisis, but there is no guarantee that this will be granted.
- If a Student is court-ordered to Teen Challenge, TCMB staff will contact the appropriate authorities when an individual leaves.
 - If a student receives disability income, this is for the care of the student. As TCMB would provide for all of the care of the student, the SSI benefits would be paid to TCMB. Students are not allowed to have an income. This relates to disability, not retirement income, child support, etc.

Things not to bring (Contraband):

- Cell phones or any electronic devices.
- Any item of significant value.
- Credit cards, EBT cards, checks, debit cards, etc.
- Cologne, perfume or scented items. We are a fragrance-free facility.
- Red items of clothing or apparel.
- Gang-related items of any kind.
- Drugs, alcohol, paraphernalia, cigarettes, lighter, mood-altering medications, narcotic medications, etc.
- Suitcases with wheels
- Clothes for more than 1 week
- Mouthwash/aftershave with alcohol or aftershave with fragrance
- Knives or weapons
- Body Jewelry
- Non-Christian reading material
- Musical instruments
- Sports Equipment

This is not an exhaustive list. Ask the Intake Coordinator before coming to the Center. Contraband brought to the Intake will be taken and forfeited by the student. TCMB will not accept responsibility for holding contraband for anyone.

Students may bring money with them. It will be deposited and kept in the name of the student. If a student leaves or transfers, funds brought to the program will be mailed to the address provided by the student at the time of intake. Funds totaling less than \$5.00 will be forfeited.

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