



## Women and Children's House Guidelines:

Women & Children Oxford Houses have a few additional guidelines in place to protect the children and the house as a whole.

- Children who spend 4 or more overnights per week at the house will be considered residents of the house.
- Children visiting during the day or spending 3 or less nights over are considered guests.
- Children must be 12 years or younger at the time of the interview.
- No more than 2 children per parent.
- The cost of child is \$20.00 per week (\$80.00 per month) added to the parent's EES.
- Upon acceptance into the house, parents must read, sign, and adhere to the parent contract. Violations of the contract may result in an additional behavior contract or expulsion.
- Children should be respected as housemates.
- Single rooms designated for parent and child can be occupied by an adult with no child, but must be vacated when a parent and child move-in, unless there are no open beds in another room. (Refusal to accept a parent and child because a member with no child wants to keep their single room is a violation of Tradition 1.)
- Pregnant women will move into the parent/child room after giving birth
- No significant others are allowed to stay overnight by any member. No members of the opposite sex are allowed in bedrooms. They must remain in common areas. **NO SEXUAL ACTIVITY ALLOWED ON PROPERTY.**

**TIPS:** Oxford House is not designed to house women with 3 or more children. There are laws restricting the number of people that can occupy bedrooms, based on square footage. Adult beds are never sacrificed to accommodate additional children. If a parent with too many children applies, or if the children are over the age of 12, we need to have contacts and referrals to try to help them and alternate housing options.

CONTRACT OF OXFORD HOUSE RESIDENCY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a member of Oxford House \_\_\_\_\_  
Agree to abide by the rules of the House. I understand that if I am found to be using  
alcohol and/or other drugs, I will be expelled from the House without notice.

As the mother of \_\_\_\_\_, who is also living in the House, I  
agree to the following provisions:

1. If expelled from the house, I am responsible, as the parent, for making the  
necessary housing arrangements for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. If expelled from the House and unable to make alternative housing arrangements  
for \_\_\_\_\_, I authorize any house member to contact  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ who has agreed to arrange  
alternative housing for \_\_\_\_\_ minor child.

Signature of Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ minor child, I agree to make the following  
arrangements: (Please be as detailed as possible, providing contact information and what all  
arrangements should be made).

Signature of adult identified above #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACT OF OXFORD HOUSE RESIDENCY FOR WOMEN WITH CHILDREN INVOLVED WITH DEPARTMENT OF  
SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS/CPS)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ as a resident of Oxford House \_\_\_\_\_.  
Agree to abide by the rules of the House. I understand that if I am found to be using alcohol and/or  
other drugs, I will be expelled from the house without notice.

As the mother of \_\_\_\_\_, who is also living in the house, I agree to the  
following provisions:

1. If expelled from the House, I am responsible, as the parent, for making the  
necessary housing arrangements for \_\_\_\_\_ minor child.

2. In the event that I am asked to leave this Oxford House because of substance  
abuse, I agree to notify the assigned Child Protective Services caseworker in order  
to insure the health and safety of \_\_\_\_\_ minor child. I  
also agree that any House member may notify the CPS caseworker in the event of  
my absence.

Signature of Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of CPS Caseworker \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_