



Dear Anti-Trafficking Advocate:

You are receiving a copy of this Guide because you have been identified as an individual or agency who may be in the role of identifying victims of sex trafficking and working with those individuals to secure appropriate services.

This Guide is intended to acquaint you with the ministry of Engedi Refuge, give you an overview of our services and provide you with instructions for placing a survivor of sex trafficking with our agency.

We hope that by providing this Guide, we can assist you in your work and facilitate the best possible care for survivors. Should you have questions at any time, please do not hesitate to call our Learning Center and speak to any one of our staff.

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Engedi Refuge is a Christian faith inspired sex trafficking victim aftercare services agency founded by Aaron and Lea Newcomb. Engedi incorporated as a non-profit in May of 2011. We opened the doors of our restoration house in March of 2013. To date we have three houses, with a total bed capacity of 12.

We serve adult female survivors of sex trafficking and prostitution. Our referrals come from all across the United States. We offer a long term restorative program that is modeled in a three phase process, taking 2 ½ years to complete all three phases. We only ask a commitment to Phase One for a new resident.

While we are of the Christian faith, we do not require our residents to share our faith. We do want them to know, as they consider if this is the program for them, that we start each day with devotions and that there are Christian principles interwoven through our curriculum.



Has your client self-identified as a prostituted woman? Are you trying to identify her as trafficked? Please use this screening tool in your determinations.

SCREENING YOUR CANDIDATE

The following questions have been adapted from the NYCTAP Screening Tool and may serve as a guide to assessing if an individual may be a victim of domestic sex trafficking. Multiple affirmative responses could indicate the presence of trafficking or prostitution.

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Has anyone you ever worked for made you a promise of the type of work you would be
<input type="checkbox"/> No	doing, but that promise turned out to be untrue?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Has anyone every taken and kept your identification, or provided you with alternative
<input type="checkbox"/> No	identification that was false?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Have you ever worked for or lived with anyone in the U.S. who instructed you to lie about
<input type="checkbox"/> No	your age or the type of work that you did?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Have you ever worked without getting the payment expected?
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Have you ever been punished (beaten, deprived of basic needs, isolated, etc.) for not
<input type="checkbox"/> No	making a certain amount of money?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Has anyone you ever worked for or lived with been responsible for your food (whether or
<input type="checkbox"/> No	not you ate, how much, what food, etc.)?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Has anyone you ever lived with or worked for controlled when you could sleep?
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Have you ever lived in or worked at a place where the doors/windows were locked and
<input type="checkbox"/> No	you were restricted from leaving when you wanted?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Has anyone you ever worked for or lived with denied your contact with family, friends or
<input type="checkbox"/> No	others?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Has anyone you ever worked for or lived with taken/kept money that was yours in
<input type="checkbox"/> No	exchange for food, transportation, rent, clothing, beauty treatments, etc.?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Have you ever lived with or worked for someone where you felt that if you wanted to
<input type="checkbox"/> No	leave that situation, you—or someone you care about—would be in danger?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Have you ever received anything of value (money, housing, food, gifts, drugs) in exchange
<input type="checkbox"/> No	for any activity involving sexual contact?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Were you under the age of 18 when this activity occurred?
<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Was this work any of the following: escort service, strip club dancer, massage parlor,
<input type="checkbox"/> No	phone sex—or anything similar?



**Please ask about
our COVID-19
intake policy**

Process for referring a client:

- ***On the “I Need Help” page of our website, there is a video interviewing residents and staff about what it is like coming to Engedi Refuge. Please review this video with your client as it may help with the decision process.***
- Complete the resident referral application; fax or email to Engedi.
- Arrange for the client to call Jill, our Director of Client Support Services or Lea, our Executive Director for a phone interview. The client will also talk to Carma, our Trauma Counselor to do a mental status review as well as speaking with Sharon, our Addictions Counselor to do an addiction assessment.
- The Engedi staff will process the application; assess compatibility of client for the program. This process may take up to a week. If a bed is not available the client will be put on a wait list.

Preparing for intake:

- Please provide any Alcohol & Drug assessments or Psych assessments that the client may have.
- If client has an open court case or is on probation, please make available documentation and contact information of officers, social workers or other personnel involved so we can facilitate a smooth transition.
- If possible, please send with client a months' worth of any medications as it may take that long to get a doctor's appointment
- If client is traveling by airplane, please have her fly into the Bellingham airport. If she is traveling by Greyhound bus, please have her go to the Bellingham bus station. An Engedi staff person will pick her up.
- We encourage you to provide an ***open ended ticket***, in the event this program is not for her and she needs to return.
- **The client is allowed to bring two suitcases.**
- Email a copy of her ticket/itinerary and a recent photo to jill@engedirefuge.com

Upon arrival at Engedi:

- If arriving between the hours of 9am to 3pm she will be brought to the Learning Center. If arriving after 3pm she will go directly to Engedi House.
- She will have the opportunity to shower, change into fresh clothes while a staff person checks her bags for unapproved items (which will be taken and kept in a safe place). Her clothes may be laundered or put through the dryer in keeping with our bed bug protocol.
- She will be escorted to her room and given time to settle in.
- She will be expected to come to the Learning Center the next day to finish the intake process, meet the rest of staff, get a tour of the facility and sit in on any classes that may be in process.
- If she is in need of detoxing, we may choose to take her directly to our local detoxing center.