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Program Information

There is a growing population in Clark County of people who are new to homelessness and who are sleeping in their vehicles. At the same time, faith communities have a Biblical mandate and also desire to respond to people in need.

County code states that people cannot sleep in vehicles overnight, even private parking lots. Luckily, State and Federal laws permits faith communities to use their property (including parking lots) and their resources to carry out their mission.

Go Connect's SafePark program is seeking churches who are willing to provided parking lot space for these individuals, couples and families.

SafePark Process:

1. An individual, couple or family calls the Housing Solution Center.
2. An intake is completed and a background check is completed.
3. The SafePark placement coordinator is notified with a name and number.
 1. We inform the guest about the program, including rules and expectations.
 2. We meet the guest at a participating church parking lot to perform a physical intake.
4. The Code of Conduct and Action Plan are presented and signed.

Benefits of Church Partnership

- Heightened awareness of homelessness
- Greater safety and security around the church property
- Goodwill in the community
- Provide congregation opportunity for service and outreach
- Engaging with the Great Commandment
- Build and strengthen community relations

Processes

Church Host Process

1. Hosting churches seek leadership approval
2. Communication with congregation, volunteer mobilization
3. Select a start date
4. Porta-Potty is delivered
5. Signs are posted
6. Local outreach can include law enforcement and neighbors

Partnering Church Options

1. Financially Support Go Connect
2. Volunteer at specific church sites

Guest Process

1. All potential participants will be referred by the Housing Solution Center.
2. Potential participants have a short phone interview with the Housing Solution Center at 360-695-9677 between 9-3.
 1. Participant will either update their file or create a new file
 2. A background check is done for all family members over 18 yrs old.
3. The HSC will send new guest information to the SafePark Program.
 1. Information includes:
 1. Name
 2. Number in their party
 3. Confirmation of background checks
4. Participants are placed at a Church location.
5. Parking location and time is provided to the participant.
6. First Day Guests
 1. Guests & SafePark rep go over Code of Conduct and Action Plan.
 2. Identification will be checked to make sure it coincides with the approved names for the family according to their intake form.
 3. The guest will receive their parking permit.
 4. Guests will be shown where to park.

For information, please feel to call Go Connect at 360-818-4330



SafePark Questions & Answers

1. How will church staff be affected by this program?

This program should have a very light impact on current staff and church programming. The highest impact will be in the evening, the program could be running during evening events.

2. How many volunteers does the church need to provide?

The program is designed to run with very few volunteers. If a volunteer wants to help, we can train volunteers to be good hosts and do the actual intakes.

3. When can guests be on the church property?

Most church lots are open from 5pm to 8am.

4. What happens if guests come back during the day?

This could happen. Coming on the church property during the day is against the Code of Conduct and they will be at risk of losing their program privileges.

5. How are the guests and volunteers kept safe?

It's called SafePark, so safety is a priority. The community on each church location watches out for each other, and we are there as a resource as well.

6. We have a preschool on our campus, can we still offer our site?

Churches who have preschools can feel comfortable with program as guests arrive after the school ends and they leave the property before school starts.

7. Is a site host church obligated to provide funds?

Host churches are asked to provide a minimum of \$150 a month for the porta-potty. There are other costs associated with the program, however. Costs such as a case management, church coordination, portable toilets, gas cards, administrative costs, etc. We welcome financial partnership.

8. Will this program increase our insurance liability?

This program should fit under current liability coverages that your church has. We have never seen a case where a church had to increase their own liability insurance.

SAFE PARK

Participant Profile

				SMOKE
ADULTS	Name: _____	DOB _____		Y N
	Name: _____	DOB _____		Y N
	Phone: _____			
MINORS	Name	Gender	Age	DOB

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Make/Model: _____ Color: _____

Plate #: _____ Date of Expiration: _____

Insurance? Yes No Carrier #: _____

How long In a vehicle?: _____ License Valid? Yes No

INCOME INFORMATION

Source / Action Plan for Employment and Housing

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

Date: _____ # of Adults: _____ # of Kids: _____

Received Permit: YES Status: _____

Church: _____

Notes:

SAFE PARK

Code of Conduct

We welcome you as our honored guest with the love of God. This parking lot is open from _____.

For everyone's safety and the success of the program, the following code of conduct must be followed. Failure to do so may result in loss of parking privileges and the need to move the vehicle as soon as possible.

1. Act with respect toward everyone at church, our neighbors, fellow parking residents and church property. Honor other church users.
2. Be mindful at all times of vehicles entering or exiting the parking lot, be respectful of other vehicles parked there.
3. Smoking is permitted only in the designated smoking area. Please clean up.
4. No structures, such as tents, are allowed.
5. No open flames or cook stoves are allowed in the vehicles or on the premises.
6. All trash and recycling must be disposed of properly.
7. If pets are allowed at this location, it must be under your immediate control at all times: either inside your vehicle or leashed. Pets may not roam free, make excessive noise, threaten or harm others. Clean up after your pet's waste and dispose of it in the garbage dumpster.
8. Park only in the space assigned to you and always display your valid parking permit in the front window. Unauthorized vehicles will be towed. Permits are non-transferrable.
9. Quiet hours are between 10pm - 7am. At other times, your conversations, behavior and volume of any audio or video devices must be kept low, so as to not disturb your neighbors.
10. Children must be under strict supervision and kept safe at all times. Children should not be left unattended or in the care of another participant.
11. Visitors are not allowed.
12. Only persons listed on the profile are allowed to sleep in the vehicle.
13. Vehicles must arrive no later than 9pm to park for the night, exceptions may be made for employment or school related activities by contacting the program coordinator. Once a vehicle is parked for the night you are asked not to leave except in case of emergency, as it is disruptive to other participants.
14. No dressing or undressing outside the vehicle. No walking around the property unless adequately clothed, respecting your dignity and that of others with modest attire.

15. Repairs and/or changing vehicle fluids is not allowed on church property. Flats may be changed with proper equipment and a replacement. The vehicle must be capable of being started and moved as necessary. Vehicles needing to be towed will be at the owner's expense.
16. Please make sure all possessions are hidden from view (whenever possible) and your vehicle is locked. The Church assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.
17. Please notify the program coordinator if you decide to leave the program so that your space may be assigned to someone else.
18. Alcohol, marijuana and illegal drugs are prohibited. Problematic behavior related to alcohol or drug use will result in loss of program privileges.
19. Firearms or weapons are strictly prohibited on church property.
20. Any incident of violence, intimidation or verbal abuse towards another individual will result in the immediate loss of parking privileges.
21. Degrading or demeaning remarks are not acceptable.
22. No illegal behavior on the premises.
23. You're highly encouraged to call the police if you feel the need and are required to call 9-1-1 in case of any emergency.

I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Go Connect and _____ and its directors, officers, employees, parishioners, members, and volunteers from any injuries, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses, including attorney fees, incurred by me, the other residents of my vehicle, and/or my children, and/or my pet(s) arising from participation in SafePark, regardless of fault or negligence.

Date: _____

Guest Name & Signature: _____

Rep Signature: _____

Church Site Sign

SAFE PARK

Official Site

A transitional program to help individuals, couples and families stay safe and legal while sleeping in their vehicles.

For information or questions please see goconnect.org or call 360-818-4330



Parking Permit

SAFE PARK

Parking Permit

Plate Number

Valid Through