# Atlantic County Sober Living and Oxford House Directory

Sober living houses can vary in services, staffing, cost and quality. This directory provides information to potential clients and/or their families about every sober living house and Oxford House in Atlantic County. The directory does not provide any recommendations, approvals and/or endorsements of any of the homes, it simply provides information as reported by a house manager/director.



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**Sober Living Houses** refer to group residences for people recovering from addiction. Residents agree to remain sober while living in the house. Private owners usually own these homes, but charities and businesses may also own sober living houses. In New Jersey, these facilities are overseen by the Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Rooming and Boarding House Standards. All homes are evaluated for the physical safety and social wellbeing of the residents. Inspections are conducted and made public at

https://www.nj.gov/dca/home/inspections.html

Oxford Houses are self-run, self-supported group housing for recovering from a substance abuse disorder. Oxford Houses began in 1975. Now there are more than 3,000 Oxford Houses for both men and women in 45 states. Oxford House provides each new group an Oxford House Charter and provides the new group with the know-how and support to establish and operate a successful house. Oxford Houses are federally exempt from the Department of Community Affairs licenses as a result of PL 100-690. Oxford houses are not considered a rooming or boarding house as they are rented by residents of each house. Each houses' finances (rent, electricity, etc.) are managed by the house residents, not a single owner. Most Oxford Houses in Atlantic County follow many of the same policies, such as duration of stay, MAT permissions, etc. Houses which differ from the standard will be noted. Due to the nature of Oxford Houses, contact information is subject to change. For the most up to date contact information for specific houses, please go to:

https://www.oxfordvacancies.com/

## Coastal Recovery Solutions Rudy Sellitsch (973) 524-4023 rsellitsch@coastalrecoverysolutions.org

124 East Edge Water, Pleasantville, - Men
658 San Francisco Avenue, Egg Harbor City - Men
237 Cincinnati Avenue, Egg Harbor City - Men
120 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Absecon - Men
620 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Galloway - Men

Does the facility have a Class F license (through DCA)?	Yes; currently licensed to Clean and Sober.
What is the monthly cost? Is there an admission fee?	\$925 per month for extra services \$800 per month otherwise \$300 move in fee.
How long can residents stay?	As long as needed, no set time frame and as long as the rules are followed.
Do you have any exclusionary policies regarding: Criminal Background, Physical Disabilities or Mental Health Disorders?	Criminal background is on a case-by-case basis. No arson. Megan's Law depends on facility. Serious mental health disorders are not considered, as these individuals need a
	higher level of care.
Are residents permitted to be on MAT?	Yes, but no benzos or stimulants, no medical marijuana.
What are the rules regarding blackout periods?	Curfew is 9 PM weekdays, 10 PM weekends for the first 30 days. Increases to 10PM/11PM and 11PM/12AM with time. No guests upstairs in the bedrooms. Early, on must attend 4 meeting each week.

What are the rules regarding relapse policy?	Leave immediately upon relapse or drugs found. Staff will provide transportation to wherever the residents need to go and help get to treatment.
Is there a work requirement?	Must work or volunteer by 6 months
Are there treatment and/or therapeutic requirements?	Must attend a recovery program, including attending IOP if needed.
How many staff are on site and what are their qualifications?	House leader on site. House managers are Certified Peer Recovery Specialists and provide two visits per day and on call 24/7.
Do you have any data regarding your program outcomes?	After one year, 65% success rate (no relapse)
Do residents share a room or have private rooms?	2-4 residents per room. One private room for the house leader.
Is your facility close to a bus route?	Yes. Working to get a van to help residents attend important meetings and appointment.
Are laundry facilities available?	Yes

# Family Empowerment

#### Doug Patterson (609) 866-8349 douglaspattersonfea@gmail.com

#### 1021 N. Main Street, Pleasantville - Men

Does the facility have a Class F license (through DCA)?	Yes
What is the monthly cost? Is there an admission fee?	\$80 registration fee, that is waived if four weeks are paid up front. \$640 per month
How long can residents stay?	No time limit
Do you have any exclusionary policies regarding: Criminal Background, Physical Disabilities or Mental Health Disorders?	No Megan's law offenders or arson. Physical disabilities would be difficult as the house has physical limitations. People with mental health disorders are welcome. However, depending on the severity of the mental health disorder, a higher level of care may be required.
Are residents permitted to be on MAT?	Yes
What are the rules regarding blackout periods?	Two-week blackout period. Curfew is 11 PM on weekdays, 12 AM on weekends. Work passes may change those times.
What are the rules regarding relapse policy?	Option to go into detox or leave for 5 days the first relapse. Habitual relapses must leave.

Is there a work requirement?	Residents are asked to search for work after the first two weeks, accommodations are made for those who cannot work
Are there treatment and/or therapeutic requirements?	Must attend group meetings at least once per week unless on outside programs.
How many staff are on site and what are their qualifications?	House manager, one LCSW, one masters level intern
Do you have any data regarding your program outcomes?	No data, will put data on website soon
Do residents share a room or have private rooms?	Four single and three double rooms, assigned based on seniority.
Is your facility close to a bus route?	Yes, closest are the 508, 554, and 559.
Are laundry facilities available?	Yes

High Tides House 609-892-7078 Brandon Peyton hightidehouse.co <u>Hihgtide1@icloud.com</u>

1412 N. Arkansas Ave., Atlantic City - Men

Does the facility have a Class F license (through DCA)?	Yes
What is the monthly cost? Is there an admission fee?	\$600 deposit. \$200 per month
How long can residents stay?	18 months
Do you have any exclusionary policies regarding: Criminal Background, Physical Disabilities or Mental Health Disorders?	No Megan's law offenders or arson. Not wheelchair accessible. Individuals who can have mental health disorder(s) are welcome, as long as they can function independently.
Are residents permitted to be on MAT?	Yes
What are the rules regarding blackout periods?	30 day blackout period. Curfew is 10 PM and no visitors.
What are the rules regarding relapse policy?	If relapse, residents are given the option to go back treatment, then return following the completion of the treatment program.

Is there a work requirement?	Residents are asked to find employment or volunteer. Assistance with employment is provided.
Are there treatment and/or therapeutic requirements?	Must have completed treatment and participate in an aftercare program/group.
How many staff are on site and what are their qualifications?	House manager, is a resident. Oversight is provided by a recovery specialist/licensed counselor.
Do you have any data regarding your program outcomes?	Just opened in December 2022, no data available.
Do residents share a room or have private rooms?	All shared. House manager has his own room.
Is your facility close to a bus route?	Yes
Are laundry facilities available?	Yes

John Brooks Recovery House

#### Jesse Dariano (609) 457-0767 Dariano.Jesse@jbrcnj.org

#### 526 6th Avenue, Galloway - Men

Does the facility have a Class F license (through DCA)?	Yes
What is the monthly cost? Is there an admission fee?	Two weeks up front and \$300 admission fee, but they work with potential residents who may need financial assistance. \$150 per week.
How long can residents stay?	12 months maximum. It is not a permanent dwelling but a transitional space for men to develop a recovery plan and become financially stable enough to move out on their own
Do you have any exclusionary policies regarding: Criminal Background, Physical Disabilities or Mental Health Disorders?	Criminal History: Violent crimes will be reviewed for severity and how recent. No arson and no sex offenders. Physical disabilities: There are steps at the site and ask that the individual be able to climb stairs. Residents with mental health disorders are welcome as long as they are stabilized and able to work to afford rent and to be able to move on within a 12- month period.
Are residents permitted to be on MAT?	Site is MAT specific. There are 3 beds for non-MAT residents.

What are the rules regarding blackout periods?	There is a developmental period, during this time residents must attend 14 groups within a month, not violate room checks or chore checks, meet with a recovery coach to develop a recovery plan and find employment.
What are the rules regarding relapse policy?	Zero tolerance for drug use or selling. Residents who violate this policy can go to treatment and return but they must leave. It's about the Safety of the rest of the house.
Is there a work requirement?	Must work. If on disability, must volunteer. At JBR House, there is a work ethic focused culture. Work for recovery, work for personal growth.
Are there treatment and/or therapeutic requirements?	JBR House offers recovery coaching and groups through All Roads Community Center. Residents can choose their own pathway as long as they participate in some recovery program.
How many staff are on site and what are their qualifications?	A certified peer recovery specialist is on site multiple times a week. A Recovery Supports Supervisor oversees the program.
Do you have any data regarding your program outcomes?	Not yet. There are not enough data points to measure. However, there is a 100% success rate of residents moving on to their own house, following their time at JBR House.

Do residents share a room or have private rooms?	They share a room. The house manager is a live-in resident with their own room.
How close is your facility to a bus route?	Yes
Are laundry facilities available?	Yes

## Ocean Sober Living Stephanie Gross (609) 335-9066 steph@oceansoberlivingnj.com

337 N. New York Avenue, Smithville – Women

Does the facility have a Class F license (through DCA)?	Yes
What is the monthly cost? Is there an admission fee?	\$300 move in fee + first week's rent \$880 per month
How long can residents stay?	No limit
Do you have any exclusionary policies regarding: Criminal Background, Physical Disabilities or Mental Health Disorders?	No sex offenders due to children being present/able to visit People diagnosed with schizophrenia cannot be residents
Are residents permitted to be on MAT?	Methadone is not permitted but suboxone and Vivitrol
What are the rules regarding blackout periods?	For first 30 days, residents need to be accompanied. After 30 days curfew is 11 PM.
What are the rules regarding relapse policy?	15 minutes to leave the house. Can return after being in detox/rehab for 10 days, or after two weeks, restarting the admission process.
Is there a work requirement?	Must be working or volunteering within 2 weeks

Are there treatment and/or therapeutic requirements?	Must be in AA or NA meetings, house meetings. IOP or other therapy is recommended
How many staff are on site and what are their qualifications?	House manager
Do you have any data regarding your program outcomes?	No data available
Do residents share a room or have private rooms?	Two 2 person rooms and two 3 person rooms. House manager is a resident with their own room
Is your facility close to a bus route?	Yes
Are laundry facilities available?	Yes

### Grateful Recovery Robert Smith (610) 803-4011 bubba0589@gmail.com

4714 Ventnor Avenue, Atlantic City – Women

Does the facility have a Class F license (through DCA)?	No, will have it in roughly 3 months
What is the monthly cost? Is there an admission fee?	\$160 per week. \$100 move in fee
How long can residents stay?	No time limit
Do you have any exclusionary policies regarding: Criminal Background, Physical Disabilities or Mental Health Disorders?	No criminal restrictions. No wheelchair access
Are residents permitted to be on MAT?	No methadone or suboxone
What are the rules regarding blackout periods?	30-day blackout with no guests, curfew is 10 PM weekdays, 11 PM weekends. After first 30 days curfew is 11 PM on weekdays and 12 AM on weekends
What are the rules regarding relapse policy?	Case-by-case basis. Residents are asked to go back to rehab.
Is there a work requirement?	Yes, but treatment is a priority over work
Are there treatment and/or therapeutic requirements?	Minimum of 3 meetings per week in the resident's fellowship of choice. After 90 days, encouraged to have a sponsor & homegroup

How many staff are on site and what are their qualifications?	House manager
Do you have any data regarding your program outcomes?	No data available
Do residents share a room or have private rooms?	2 double rooms, 4 single rooms, assigned b seniority.
Is your facility close to a bus route?	Yes
Are laundry facilities available?	Yes

## Serenity House Terry Burns (609) 432-2130 Email not provided

- 1. Absecon, Women
- 2. Absecon, Women
- 3. Serenity Beach House, Ventnor Men
- 4. Michael's Serenity House, Ventnor Men
- 5. Bee House, Ventnor Women
- 6. Randy Scarborough, Somers Point Men

#### \* Actual addresses were not provided and approved for publication

Does the facility have a Class F license (through DCA)?	Yes
What is the monthly cost? Is there an admission fee?	\$190 per week. Total move in fees amount to \$760, but is often adjusted to meet needs
How long can residents stay?	18 months
Do you have any exclusionary policies regarding: Criminal Background, Physical Disabilities or Mental Health Disorders?	No sex offenders
Are residents permitted to be on MAT?	Yes. Must have lockbox and work with doctor that the facility knows
What are the rules regarding blackout periods?	First 2 weeks curfew is 10 PM. Residents can move on to an 11:30 PM curfew with a sponsor
What are the rules regarding relapse policy?	Residents must leave. Given help moving out, after 5 days of being stable they are allowed to return.

Is there a work requirement?	Residents must work, be in school, or on disability to waive requirement
Are there treatment and/or therapeutic requirements?	Must follow a treatment plan
How many staff are on site and what are their qualifications?	House leader + assistant
Do you have any data regarding your program outcomes?	2008-2016 data showed 79% of residents were sober for 1 year or more. 80% were employed.
Do residents share a room or have private rooms?	Most rooms are shared, each house has at least one single room
Is your facility close to a bus route?	Yes
Are laundry facilities available?	Yes

Shoova Carlie 856-345-9511 carlie@shoova.org

13 Golfview Drive, Northfield – Men

Does the facility have a Class F license (through DCA)?	Yes
What is the monthly cost? Is there an admission fee?	\$175 per week
How long can residents stay?	12-18 months typically
Do you have any exclusionary policies regarding: Criminal Background, Physical Disabilities or Mental Health Disorders?	Varies, but generally no history of sexual offenses or arson. Physical disabilities and mental health disorders are accepted as long as the person is self-sufficient
Are residents permitted to be on MAT?	Yes
What are the rules regarding blackout periods?	9 PM curfew for first 30 days. Cannot sleep out. After 30 days, curfew is 11 PM on weekdays, 12 AM on weekends.
What are the rules regarding relapse policy?	Residents have 30 minutes to leave the premises. Eligibility to return is determined on a case-by-case basis.
Is there a work requirement?	Work or volunteering required after 30 days
Are there treatment and/or therapeutic requirements?	Meetings 3 times per week and maintaining an outpatient program of choice if applicable

How many staff are on site and what are their qualifications?	Director, peer recovery specialist. Manager and co-manager. Licensed clinical therapist as needed. General staff to help house management
Do you have any data regarding your program outcomes?	Data from 2021 and 2022 forthcoming
Do residents share a room or have private rooms?	Shared (2 residents per room)
Is your facility close to a bus route?	Yes
Are laundry facilities available?	Yes

### Stop the Heroin Bill Schmincke, Director (609) 892-4582 billschmincke@gmail.com fran@stoptheheroin.org

- 1. 502 Burton Avenue, Northfield Men
- 2. 500 Maple Avenue, Northfield Men
- 3. 517 Pine Street, Northfield Women
- 4. 355 London Avenue, Egg Harbor City Men
- 5. 422 White Horse Pike, Egg Harbor City Men
- 6. 435 St. Louis Avenue, Egg Harbor City Women
- 7. 6401 West Jersey Avenue, Egg Harbor Twp. Women
- 8. 8 Rook Court, Egg Harbor Twp. Women
- 9. 6517 Mill Road, Egg Harbor Twp. Men
- 10.400 Shires Way, Egg Harbor Township Men
- 11.258 Cincinnati Avenue, Egg Harbor Township Men
- 12.1422 White Horse Pike, Egg Harbor City Men
- 13.458 Philadelphia Avenue, Egg Harbor City Men (open in 1-2 months)
- 14.811 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat Men

Does the facility have a Class F license (through DCA)?	Yes
What is the monthly cost? Is there an admission fee?	\$180 per week, \$350 fee to cover first two weeks rent.
How long can residents stay?	No time limit
Do you have any exclusionary policies regarding: Criminal Background, Physical Disabilities or Mental Health Disorders?	Not allowed to be a registered sex offender. Physical disabilities and mental health disorders are accepted if person is self- sufficient
Are residents permitted to be on MAT?	In houses 2,5,6,7 yes
What are the rules regarding blackout periods?	9 PM curfew for first week, then goes to 11 PM weekdays, 12 AM weekends

What are the rules regarding relapse policy?	Residents must leave immediately. Those who go into treatment are allowed to eventually return. Sometimes it is a five day out policy
Is there a work requirement?	Work or 20 hours/week of community service
Are there treatment and/or therapeutic requirements?	No, but IOP is encouraged
How many staff are on site and what are their qualifications?	Manager on site, four housing directors who are peer recovery specialists. Two off site house overseers
Do you have any data regarding your program outcomes?	Not currently
Do residents share a room or have private rooms?	Some shared, some private rooms
Is your facility close to a bus route?	Yes
Are laundry facilities available?	Yes

# Atlantic County Oxford Houses

# Michael Newcomb, Resource Coordinator for Atlantic County (609) 664-1313

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Does the facility have a Class F license (through DCA)?	No, Federally Exempt
What is the monthly cost? Is there an admission fee?	\$140-\$180 per week, \$150-\$200 admission fee
How long can residents stay?	No time limit
Do you have any exclusionary policies regarding: Criminal Background, Physical Disabilities or Mental Health Disorders?	No restrictions, with the following exceptions: <i>Hammonton, Frankfort, &amp; Myra Oxford</i> <i>Houses do not accept individuals with arson</i> <i>charges or Megan's Law offenses</i>
Are residents permitted to be on MAT?	Yes, with the following exceptions: Union Creek currently does not allow MAT Oxford House Belhaven does not allow suboxone in the house
What are the rules regarding blackout periods?	First 30 days, 11 PM curfew, no guests or sleeping out
What are the rules regarding relapse policy?	Residents must leave. Can go to another Oxford House after treatment of 30 days of sobriety. Cannot return to the same house for 6 months
Is there a work requirement?	Work or volunteer

Are there treatment and/or therapeutic requirements?	Must attend a program of recovery of the person's choice
How many staff are on site and what are their qualifications?	No staff on site, peer driven support. Oversight is provided by the Resource Coordinator and Outreach worker
Do you have any data regarding your program outcomes?	According to data published by DePaul University, there is an 83-85% success rate after participating in an Oxford House for 18 months.
Do residents share a room or have private rooms?	Varies
Is your facility close to a bus route?	Yes
Are laundry facilities available?	Yes

#### List of Oxford Houses in Atlantic County:

Absecon, Absecon – Men Aegon, Pleasantville – Men Balerion, Ventnor - Men Bartram, Atlantic City – Men Belhaven, Linwood - Men Casa Too, Galloway - Women Eagle Vue, Hammonton, Men Easterday, Absecon - Men Fairbanks Avenue, Northfield - Men Great Bay, Somers Point - Me Landing Creek, Egg Harbor City – Men Melbourne, Ventnor – Women Myra, Northfield – Women and Children Thompson Avenue, Somers Point – Women Union Creek, Egg Harbor City – Women Victorian, Ventnor - Men Village Point, Somers Point - Men

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