

SUGGESTED RAP HOUSE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Open by briefly explaining the RAP House concept. Being honest is the most important part of the interview.

Explain the following things to the member interviewing:

1. The rent amount and membership fee.
 - a. Ask if they are able to meet the financial obligations to the house. Rent comes first.
 - b. If accepted but not ready to move in, the only way to assure that a bed will be available is to pay the membership fee.
2. This house is drug/alcohol free.
3. House meetings (weekly, special and emergency) and house expectations.
4. The voting procedures of accepting a new member (must obtain 80% of the house vote) and when they can expect an answer.
5. We view RAP housing as an active process to create change in your life: this is an active process.

This interview is for potential members as well as for the current members of the house. As many questions that are asked of the potential member, please remember that the person being interviewed can ask just as many of questions.

You want to find out if you will all fit together, this being said it's important for the interview to go both ways.

Suggested Questions:

1. Tell us a little about yourself (background).
2. How did you get to this point in your life?
3. What is your job history?
4. Do you have any experience of group living. How did it go?
5. Tell us about a time you had a conflict.
 - a. Give us an example
 - b. What happens when you are angry?
 - c. How do you deal with your anger

6. Do you have any triggers we should know about so we can avoid or deal with them?
7. Tell us about your current and recent relationship(s).
8. If it was abusive, do you want to end that relationship?
9. If you have children, do you share custody and/or visitation?
10. What is your experience in this neighborhood?
11. What are the strengths you can bring to RAP Houses as a member?
12. What do you feel that RAP houses can offer you?
13. Why do you want to live in a RAP House?
14. Describe what chores you enjoy and which ones you struggle with.
15. How do you cope when you are under stress?
16. If accepted, when will you pay your move-in fee and rent?
17. When do you want to move in?
18. What do you enjoy doing?
19. Have you read the RAP Expectations and the House Rights and Responsibilities? Will you have a problem with any of them?

Now is the time to give the potential member the questions to have them ask the same questions of all existing house members.