

Guidelines for Rose's Room

Meeting facilitator should pick a group member to open and close the meeting. Preferably a person who is comfortable with talking about their experience with their loved one's incarceration and related issues.

Start at 7:00pm(Sharp)Welcome to Our monthly meeting of Rose's Room. We are here tonight to offer love and support for those who have loved ones/family in prison or jail. Our motto is, "Individuals don't go to prison, whole families go to prison"

*My name is _____, and I am the mother of a son who is _____.(Example)

*Rose's Room is not allied with any sect, denomination, political organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes causes, candidates nor campaigns. Our primary purpose is to be present and support each other on our journeys as affected and shaped by the incarceration of our loved ones.

*This is an open meeting. We are glad you are all here—especially newcomers. Everyone, including former inmates, are most welcome at Rose's Room, but this is not a support group for former inmates.

*In keeping with our singleness of purpose, we ask all who participate confine their discussion to issues that support and inform loved ones of incarcerated individuals. Please limit your sharing time to no more than 5 minutes, leaving time for others to share.

*What is shared in Rose's Room stays in Rose's Room.

*Please listen to each other without interrupting; We are not here to solve each other's problems, but we are encouraged to share our related experiences, successes, and pitfalls.

*We defer to *Group Conscience* when faced with decisions or issues that affect the group.

*Silence is okay; crying is okay. Laughing is okay too! Rose's Room is a family, and we laugh with each other, alot!

*Please turn cellphones off before we start.

(Break at 7:45pm for 5 minutes)

(Close Meeting at 8:25pm) Are there any related community announcements?

If you have more to discuss please stay after the meeting and speak with another group member. Are there members who are willing to stay and talk after the meeting?

(Meeting ends promptly at 8:30pm)