

The Gavin House was established in 1962 by James F. Gavin. Mr. Gavin worked as a Corrections Officer and a Parole Officer for 28 years before opening the doors to the Gavin House in 1963. Mr. Gavin's goal was to provide treatment for alcoholics coming out of the prison system so that they may return to the community as sober law abiding citizens.

Most of the work to expedite his vision was done by people in the AA community and friends of the Gavin Family. Our gratitude for their tireless efforts will always be recognized.

Gavin House's mission is the same as it was when the doors first opened in 1963. The restoration of dignity.

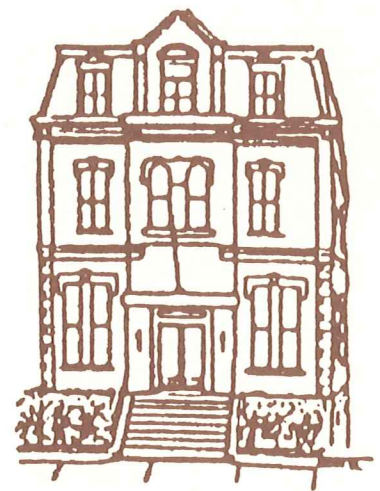
Gavin House is a non-profit organization. We do not condone discrimination of any kind. Many of our referrals are from Detoxes, Hospitals, Corrections, Veterans Services, and Employment Assistance Programs.

*There are no strangers here...
Only friends you have never met.*

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**Substance Abuse Treatment
In A Recovery Home Setting**

GAVIN HOUSE is a 4 to 6 month Recovery Home for male Substance Abusers. Full participation is required in the following areas:

AAWOL Alcoholics Anonymous Way Of Life. This is a structured, intense 24 week study and application of the Twelve Steps.

JOB SEARCH

Staff assists each resident in their search for employment. Residents may be employed upon admission. Work hours must coincide with the Gavin House program.

INTRODUCTION GROUP

This group is facilitated by a counselor and a graduate of the Gavin House. The focus is to address the immediate issues of sobriety along with the basic indoctrination of the house.

AWARENESS GROUP

This group is facilitated by a counselor and a graduate of the Gavin House. The focus varies widely to include etiology of substance abuse, HIV/AIDS education, and smoking cessation.

PHASE GROUP

This is a progressive group consisting of seven residents per group. This group is facilitated by a counselor, as they move through the phases they address topics that are most pertinent at that stage. The last phase, they address issues that will help them relocate into the community.

GROUP COUNSELING

Groups of four residents meet for one hour, every week, for the duration of their stay. This group is facilitated by their assigned counselor. Each month they formulate a treatment plan with this counselor. There is always an opportunity to see a counselor on an individual basis, by appointment.

Substance Abuse issues are complicated. We offer the following service to insure the success of each individual:

CASE MANAGEMENT

We assess and prioritize the needs of each resident to insure all areas of concern are being addressed. This is activated upon admission to Gavin House.

INITIAL / ON-GOING HIV/AIDS EDUCATION

We educate the residents of the services available to them upon admission and educate them on a monthly basis throughout their stay at Gavin House.

REFERRALS

Referrals are made on a regular basis to help residents achieve their potential. They are almost always local and deal with Health, Legal, Family, Pastoral, and Psychological Counseling.

After Care is an essential part of the Gavin House Program. Participation includes involvement in the following:

- ...St. Dismas - Big Book Meeting
Sunday Morning
- ...Continuation in the AAWOL Program
Tuesday Evenings
- ...Involvement in the facilitation of Introduction and Awareness Groups
Wednesday Evenings
- ...Gavin House After Care Group
Thursday Evenings

AAWOL Programs are open to all in recovery interested in applying the twelve steps to their lives. Prospective participants must be willing to make a commitment for 24 weeks. There are approximately eight men's groups and seven women's groups. If you are interested, sign up is held every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. at the Tynan School (2nd floor), 650 East Fourth Street, South Boston.