



Alberta Seventh Step Society

**Location:**

Calgary, Alberta

Residence Information:

Address: 1824 27th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2T 1H1 (CSC) **or**
1820 27th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2T 1H1 (Provincial Office)
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Website Address:
www.albertaseventhstep.com

Residents Accepted:

Clients are accepted on an in-house file review and availability of bed space. Each case is considered individually. The Alberta Seventh Step Society has considerable experience working with clients, including multiple recidivist clients, who face a variety of challenges including substance abuse, employment, relationships, goal setting, and other barriers to freedom.

History:

Patrick Graham established the Alberta Seventh Step Society in November 1971 in the Drumheller Institution. It functioned completely on a volunteer basis until November 1974, when it opened its first agency office with Canada Manpower funding.

Short Description:

A community residence for offenders on conditional release. Capacity of 41 beds with 38 federal and 3 provincial.

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Acceptance Procedure:

Residents must be referred by authorization of the Alberta Solicitor General or by Correctional Services Canada.

Exclusions:

Offenders whose mental health needs are greater than the services offered.

(history continued):

The Society was incorporated in June 1974 and since 1978 has been under the administration of a volunteer Board of Directors. A CRF was opened in Calgary in September 1975 and a second facility operated in Edmonton from February 1977 to February 1988.

Description:

The Alberta Seventh Step Society is a Community Residential Facility located in close proximity to downtown Calgary. There is:

- Neighborhood shopping,
- City transit,
- A walk in medical clinic,
- Registry offices and,
- A private gym/health club within walking distance.

The facility has single, double and dorm rooms. Staff, in a commercial kitchen, prepares food.

Programs:

- Taking Responsibility Program. This is mandatory for all clients. Course length is 14-20 hours over a 3-4 week period.
- Budgeting and Financial Management Program.
- Monthly residents' meetings.
- Case plan development and goal setting.

Institutions the Residence Visits:

- Drumheller
- Bowden
- Grande Cache
- Calgary Remand Centre

Related Community Programs:

Seventh Step Core Group Street Meetings are held weekly at the Provincial Office. Core groups are open to non-offenders, ex-offenders, and serving offenders. Sponsorship and member approval are required to attend. Weekly Narcotics Anonymous meetings on site.

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