

Mike Link Driver Intervention Program **Program Guidelines**

Welcome to the Mike Link Driver Intervention Program and a weekend of learning! Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers, Inc. has operated the Mike Link Driver Intervention Program for many years and is proud to be able to provide participants with an opportunity to interact with each other and provide valuable information in maintaining healthy choices for the future. We believe that the purpose of the weekend is to help individuals make better decisions in driving situations and supply the tools necessary to prevent any future situations involving alcohol or other drugs.

The program **begins at 4:30PM on Thursday** of your scheduled weekend with registration from 4:30PM-5:30PM. We ask that you arrive promptly so you may become acclimated to your cabins and the program specifics.

The program **concludes at 4:30PM on Sunday** of your scheduled weekend. If you are being driven, please have your driver return for pick-up at 4:30 PM on Sunday.

The program is located at **Camp Burton, 14282 Butternut Rd., Burton, OH (440) 834-8984**
A map is included in this packet.

Your registration fee is non-refundable after scheduling, and the only exception for rescheduling is a death in your immediate family. It is in your best interest to attend when scheduled.

The Mike Link Driver Intervention Program is a 72 hour jail diversion program (in place of jail) and is not considered treatment. The Program and the Counselors are all State Certified under the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

State Statute requires that each participant meet with a counselor individually in order to gather information and complete a screening. A professional opinion of the participant's stage of alcohol or drug use will be rendered at the completion of this screening. Recommendations will be made that are appropriate and consistent with your use. The statute also requires that the referral source be notified in writing of your attendance and any recommendations made; if any, within seven (7) days after the program ends.

The staff reserves the right to check your luggage or sleeping accommodations at any time if you are suspected of being in possession or using alcohol or other drugs. In keeping with the statute, the staff will collect any prescription medication you bring and will make it available to you as needed. It is your responsibility to approach staff for your medicines to maintain your schedule.

Please make sure that all prescription medications are in the original pharmacy container with the label intact. Bring only the amount of pills needed for the 72-hour weekend (we will be counting pills upon arrival and departure).

If you have any health problems or special needs we should be made aware of, please list them on your registration form. Feel free to call if any other explanations are needed. (440) 255-0678.

We strive to maintain a safe, drug and alcohol-free environment for all our participants. Therefore, any participant found to be in possession of alcohol or drugs will result in immediate dismissal from the program. A drug screen urinalysis may be requested if you are suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs at any time during the weekend. The cost of this urine screen is \$60.00. Refusal to submit to a drug screen will result in your immediate dismissal from the program. If you have knowledge of the use of alcohol or other drugs by another participant and do not inform the staff, this could also result in dismissal from the program.

Please be advised that the referral source will receive information relevant to the drug screen results or administrative dismissal from the weekend program.

Because withdrawal from alcohol and/or drugs can be fatal; you are required to abstain from all mood altering chemicals for a period of three days before you begin the Mike Link Driver Intervention Program for which you are scheduled. If you do not believe you can remain free from alcohol or drugs for three days, please consult your physician prior to registration and make arrangements for detoxification. Your referring court should be notified of these events.

At Orientation on Thursday, any additional questions you might have will be answered at that time. Our staff are pleased to be at Camp Burton and we ask that camp personnel and camp policies be respected and maintained at all times.

In order to gather as much information as possible over the weekend, you will be expected to participate in all aspects of the program and complete all assignments. Name tags will be given out on Thursday and the staff asks that they be worn at all times in plain view for identification purposes. There is no visitation allowed and phone calls are at the discretion of the staff for emergency purposes only. Because of the number of varied religious orientations among our participants, we will not be able to provide any religious services on Sunday, nor excuse anyone from the program to attend services.

WHAT TO BRING:

- ★bedding (sleeping bag, pillow, and/or sheets and blanket)
 - ★change of clothes for 3 days (see below)
 - ★soap, shampoo, towel(s), wash cloth, toothbrush and toothpaste
 - medicines for 3 days in original bottles (only bring enough for weekend)
 - ★feminine products for women only
 - flashlight
 - battery or windup alarm clock (optional)
 - reading material, homework, or other work related items for free time
 - cigarettes for three days (if you smoke)
 - unbreakable coffee mug (strongly suggested)
 - change or bills for pop or water (cost \$1.00)
- ★ *The above items are required for the weekend.*

CLOTHING: clean, casual, and modest. No low cut shirts or short-shorts are allowed. Shirts & shoes should be worn at all times for sanitary & safety reasons. Bring clothing appropriate to the season in which you are attending (remember this is a camp and we do go outside between buildings). Camp Burton is located in a wooded area and the evenings can be cool. Please note: beach wear or clothing inappropriate to the occasion (alcohol ads, drug related wording or language offensive to a group of people as judged by staff) is unacceptable. The staff will ask participants to change into more appropriate wear in such cases.

DO NOT BRING: cellular phones, radio, TV, other electronic equipment, musical instrument or playing cards. The purpose of the weekend is for participants to interact with each other. Violation of this program expectation may result in termination from the program or items being confiscated and held until the end of the weekend.

MEALS WE WILL PROVIDE:

Thursday evening – dinner

Friday and Saturday - breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Sunday - breakfast and lunch

Please do not bring food or beverages. All meals, snacks, coffee and tea will be provided throughout the weekend. You may purchase pop or water throughout the weekend. If you have special dietary needs we must be notified at least one week in advance of the program so the Camp may plan accordingly.

The Staff of Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers look forward to seeing you at the Mike Link Driver Intervention Program weekend.

Sincerely,

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