

SUBSIDISED HOLIDAYS at The Jonas Centre

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICATIONS in 2012

Subsidised holiday rate for 2012 is £20.00 per cabin per night.

The above rate is per referred family, couple or individual.

(Any additional adults or children will be charged at £11 & £6 per night respectively)

The Jonas Centre believes that by offering families in hardship and crisis holidays at subsidised rates, it can provide them with a welcome break from the stresses and strains of their current situation, a place where they can reflect on issues that affect them, and time which they can spend together.

Subsidised holidays that can be taken during school-term and midweek, Monday to Friday (4 nights) can be processed immediately. There is no limit on the amount of times an applicant can book or number of applications a referral agency can make. The 2011 report on this area of our work is also enclosed.

Valuable income to run the centre is generated during school holidays consequently the number of subsidised holidays has to be limited. To ensure that the people in greatest need are given the opportunity to have a subsidised holiday, all applicants who require a school holiday booking will be processed at specific times during the year.

Applications for subsidised holidays between 11th and 19th Feb. need to be received by 1st January

Applications for subsidised holidays between 31st March & 15th April need to be received by 1st March

Applications for subsidised holidays between 1st June & 10th June need to be received by 1st April

Applications for subsidised holidays between 21th July and 2nd Sept need to be received by 1st June

Applications for subsidised holidays between 26th Oct & 4th Nov need to be received by 1st September

Applications for subsidised holidays between 21st Dec & 6th Jan need to be received by 1st November

In respect of **all** applications for subsidised holidays, it is important that as much relevant information about the applicant's circumstances can be included so that their chances of a subsidised holiday are improved.

Furthermore, it may be necessary to prioritise applicants in the following way:

1. Families who have never been to The Jonas Centre.
2. Families who have visited The Jonas Centre within 12 months of their subsequent application.
3. Families who have visited The Jonas Centre within 6 months of their subsequent application.

Applications for subsidised holidays may be submitted on the enclosed form by third party agencies (e.g. churches and other caring/support organisations) on behalf of individuals either by post or by email.

We do not act upon direct applications from families unless they wish to pay our regular rates.

Please contact Simon Eastwood or Liz Haythornthwaite for any further information.