



*Blue Thunder Lodge is part of
the Residential Treatment
Expansion Consortium (RTEC)
managed by Boyd Andrew
Community Services in
Helena, Montana*

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Gateway Community Services

Mission Statement:

Providing quality, comprehensive community based services addressing the prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug related problems.

Vision Statement:

By improving the quality of life and maximizing the potential of individuals, Gateway Community Services strives to develop healthy and productive members of our communities.

Values:

- * Collaborative & Cooperative Community Partnerships
- * Accessible & Affordable Services
- * Individualized Care
- * Integrity, Respect & Confidentiality
- * Professional & Innovative Programming

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**GATEWAY COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

BLUE THUNDER LODGE



- ❖ Structured
- ❖ Safe and Secure
- ❖ Alcohol and Drug-Free

GATEWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES

- BLUE THUNDER LODGE -

Blue Thunder Lodge is a Therapeutic Living Community for individuals who are motivated towards recovery from methamphetamine or other drugs, and is part of a state-wide continuum known as the Residential Treatment Expansion Consortium. This adult men's facility offers the unique opportunity for residents to live in a sober, supportive environment while attending treatment at Gateway Community Services.

Residents will be involved in Gateway's community based intensive outpatient and outpatient treatment while working on needed living skills such as:

- Job Skills
- Relationship Skills
- Teamwork
- Educational Needs
- Training Needs

The facility houses eight individuals and is built on the concepts of strength based case management, cognitive principles and restructuring, and therapeutic community. The mission is to give residents the tools they need to make healthy choices and return to the community to live an independent, sober, healthy lifestyle.

Programming demonstrates integrity by reflecting the core values of:

- Honesty,
- Respect,
- Responsibility
- Teamwork.

The goals of the program:

1. Facilitate a culturally integrated, quality, personalized, residential program designed to assist with each resident's needs resulting in an increase in self-respect and the necessary skills to achieve healthy living.
2. Provide the necessary skill development, support, and assistance for each resident to be successful in the work environment.
3. Focus on each resident's strengths in an individual manner to assist in developing their ability to make healthy choices, resulting in long-term recovery from addiction to methamphetamine and other drugs.
4. Provide a therapeutic community living environment, resulting in positive emotional and behavioral change, as well as increasing socialization skills and promoting personal accountability.
5. Assist each resident in transition back to independent living in his community, resulting in the graduate being a contributing community member.

Graduation from the program will average *9 months* from the date of admission. The length of time a person lives in the home will depend on the resident's needs and successful completion of the program's requirements focused on independent living.



Program Application and Eligibility:

1. Application forms may be picked up at Gateway's administrative office at 26 4th Ave. N., or by calling (406) 727-2512. All applications should include a biopsychosocial assessment completed in the last 60 days, inclusive of a substance dependence diagnosis (with DSM-IV criteria) and a dimensional analysis, completed by a licensed addictions counselor. Blue Thunder Lodge is an ASAM 3.1 facility. Completed applications are faxed to Boyd Andrew Community Services at (406) 443-5490.
2. Residents will be at least 18 years of age and meet financial eligibility for the program.
3. Residents will be both physically and mentally able to work with Blue Thunder Lodge staff in obtaining employment.
4. The cost of the program includes a \$100 deposit upon admission, \$265 monthly rent for each subsequent month and \$150 monthly for food.
5. The program does not charge the resident for treatment costs.
6. Residents must be able to pay their individual food and personal care items cost during their stay.
7. Screening for admission will include the exclusion of some criminal offenses at the discretion of the screening committee.