

How to Qualify- Policy & Procedures Free & Low-Cost Tattoo Removal Project (TRP)

We offer tattoo removal as a community support resource to help youth and young adults embrace a fresh start.

Before applying, please review the following eligibility requirements for both free and low-cost services.

Health Requirements

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be in good overall health and currently under the care of a primary care provider
- Not pregnant or breastfeeding
- Not taking any photosensitive medications (see list of restricted medications)

Not recommended if: Autoimmunity, undergoing chemotherapy, receiving infusions, or if the body is in the healing process.

Tattoo Requirements

Eligible tattoos must meet the following criteria:

- Ink must be black only
- Tattoos must be located on the hands, neck, or face
- Tattoo must be no larger than a standard credit card
- Tattoo ink must not contain lead or be pen ink

*All Free and Low-Cost Applicants must meet both Health and Tattoo Requirements

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TRP Approved Organizations (2025)

- The Colorado Division of Youth Services or one of its affiliated partners agencies
- Savio House

*If your organization is interested in becoming a referring partner for this resource, Please contact us at 720-979-7021.

Core Areas of Service

This resource is designed to remove barriers and improve outcomes for youth and young adults. Priority is given to individuals seeking tattoo removal for:

- Military enlistment
- Gang exit or reentry, with successful participation in job development or rehabilitation program
- Survivors of human trafficking
- Hate-related or anti-social tattoos
- Social & Economic growth

Free Tattoo Removal

To receive free tattoo removal services, applicants must:

- Be referred by a TRP-approved organization
- Have a valid Colorado-issued ID or driver's license and Parent/Guardian ID for participants under 18
- Submit a referral in agency letterhead that includes;
 - o Listing Referring Agents phone and email
 - o A statement explaining how tattoo removal will support the participant's future social and economic opportunities

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Low-Cost Tattoo Removal

This option is for individuals who may not qualify for free services but still align with our mission. Reduced pricing ensures access for those actively working toward a better future.

To be eligible for low-cost tattoo removal, applicants must:

- Be referred by a TRP-approved organization
- Submit a referral on agency letterhead that includes;
 - o Referring Agents phone and email
 - o A descriptive comment explaining how tattoo removal will support the participants' future social and economic opportunities
- Provide a valid Colorado-issued ID or driver's license for the participant, and if under 18, Parent/Guardian
- Meet at least one of the Core Areas of Service
- Be between the ages of 15 and 25
- Submit a one-time, non-refundable \$50 application fee and:
 - o A \$50, \$75, or \$100 donation based on the size, per treatment session determined at the time of the consultation appointment

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Additional Notes

- A sliding scale may be available based on financial need and availability; please Inquire during the application process
- Individuals must demonstrate a commitment to personal growth, such as participation in education, job training, rehabilitation, or support programs
- There may be a waitlist for services depending on demand and TRP availability
- Continued eligibility is based on attendance, communication, and compliance with the TRP Terms, Conditions, Policies & Procedures

Questions or Partnership Inquiries?

If you have questions, concerns, or are interested in:

- Terms, Conditions, Policies, and Procedures
- Application
- Tattoo Removal Process
- Becoming a referring partner
- Including this resource in your organization's service guide
- Aligning with us in funding support to expand access

Please visit our <u>website</u>, contact a TRP professional at 720-979-7021, or <u>email</u> us directly for more information.

We welcome opportunities to build strong partnerships that expand access to TRP as a transformative tool for personal growth and opportunity.

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