

PROGRAM POLICY - SUPPORTED/INDEPENDENT/TRANSITIONAL LIVING

- 1 It is the policy of OPTIONS to encourage persons served to develop appropriate relationships with other individuals. The following guidelines were developed to ensure privacy and accommodate situations in which a persons served in Supported/Independent and Transitional Living Services desires a sexual relationship:
 - 1.1 The privacy of persons will be respected at all times. All staff members are expected to knock before entering a person's living space and to wait for permission before entering that space. An exception may be made in the event of an imminent or reasonably suspected threat to a person's safety or well being.
 - 1.2 Training in human relations, including sexual relationships, sexually transmitted diseases, birth control, and sexual responsibilities will be offered to all persons receiving OPTIONS Supported/Independent and Transitional Living Services.
 - 1.3 Any persons receiving services in Supported/Independent or Transitional Living Services who desires a sexual relationship with another person who resides in the same apartment complex will:
 - 1.3.1 Discuss his/her intentions with the Supported/Independent Transitional Living Program Manager before beginning a sexual relationship to ensure it is of mutual consent.
 - 1.4 Any persons served in Supported/Independent Transitional Living Services who desires a sexual relationship with someone outside of the Supported/Independent Transitional Living Services will do so at his/her own discretion.
 - 1.6 Sexual relationships between any employee of OPTIONS and a person served will not be tolerated at any time.

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