

PROGRAM POLICY-SUPPORTED/TRANSITIONAL LIVING

- 1 OPTIONS respects the fact that Supported/Transitional Living services are provided in client homes. Frequent and informal visits to the homes of clients are encouraged so clients can maintain close family and social relationships. Frequent contact by family and friends enhances communication with the Supported/Transitional Living Program staff and provide a natural support system for the clients. Families, upon request of clients, will be invited to actively participate in activities, to participate in the individual planning process and to assist in carrying out Individual Support Plans as indicated.
- 2 Clients have the right to receive visitors and to communicate, associate and meet privately with anyone they choose, including personal friends, social workers, business associates and clergy .
- 3 Any limitations or denial of rights will be in conformance with denial of rights policies and procedures.
- 4 If visits are for any reason restricted, such restrictions will be clearly evident in the Individual Support Plan (ISP), with clear procedures for restoring such rights. If visits are restricted for medical reasons, the client and/or his/her parent(s), significant other(s), guardian(s), conservator(s) or any other party designated by the client will be properly informed.
- 5 Supported/Transitional Living clients will notify the Supported/Transitional Living Program Manager of the dates and anticipated departure and return times for clients leaving their homes on off-site visits. This will assist the client and Community Support staff in preparing for the off-site visit, and will ensure the least disruption to support services.
- 6 In the event that a visitor/s persistently interferes with instructional time or compromises a client's living situation, specific restrictions may be implemented with the approval of the client. Such restrictions will be subject to Section 4 of this policy.

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