

POLICY NUMBER: SER DEL 8

INTENT

The intent of this Policy is to ensure that Participants are provided with services and support that facilitates their inclusion in the life of the community in roles valued by others in the community.

DEFINITION

Valued Roles: attach importance to

Participation: take part in.

Integration: to bring or come into equal membership of society.

Dignity of Risk: the right of people with disability to make their own choices, including taking reasonable risks, as part of living an autonomous and meaningful life.

POLICY STATEMENTS

- Real Living Options Association Inc. is committed to;
 - Providing opportunities for Participants to develop skills to participate in and achieve valued roles in the community.
 - Enhancing the abilities, skills and opportunities of Participants to make valued contributions in their community.
 - Promoting a positive image of people both within the Service and in their community.
 - Providing services and support that facilitates the inclusion of Participants in the life of the community.
- The Service Philosophy of an ordinary life provides the framework in which valued roles, community inclusion and participation in the local neighborhood and community are a requirement.
- Support plans will align with the interests, goals and aspirations of each Participant and may include, but not be restricted to any of the following activities;
 - A home of their own choice within their financial resources.
 - Support to undertake care of their home and environs.
 - Support to undertake shopping, financial commitments and other everyday activities of life.
 - Encouragement and support to participate in social and recreational activities.
 - Skills development to further increase opportunities for participation and inclusion.
 - Support and participation in ongoing education opportunities such as participation in paid or voluntary work.
 - Keeping in touch with family and friends and informal networks.
 - The right to dignity of risk.

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- Support arrangements will reflect the initiatives chosen and will be reviewed on a regular basis to provide feedback on community participation, integration and undertaking of valued roles.
- The Service encourages interaction with family and friends and informal networks to further increase the opportunities for community participation in natural settings.

PROCEDURES

- Participants will be encouraged to include community activities in their support arrangements in accordance with their interests and the resources available.
- Lifestyle Assistants will support and encourage Participants to participate in everyday activities, social outings, recreational activities and opportunities in their local community.
- Support arrangements will be reviewed on a regular basis to monitor the success of initiatives.
- Staff training to all Lifestyle Assistants on supporting and promoting integration, valued roles and participation will be provided.
- Staff are expected to provide an appropriate role model for the Participant by their behavior, dress and manner in order to assist in promoting inclusion in activities in the community.

DELEGATIONS

Management Committee

- Approving appropriate training for staff.

General Manager

- Ensure community activities are included in support arrangements
- Provide staff training on supporting and promoting integration and participation in the community
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Support Manager

- Ensure as far as practicable that staff are aware of their role as models for the Participants and the community.
- Participate in reviewing support to include community activities.
- Review support plans on regular basis.

Lifestyle Assistants

- Ensure as far as practicable that all Participants have opportunities to participate in their community

RELATED DOCUMENTS

About Me/Personal Plan

REFERENCES

Queensland Disability Service Act 2006
Queensland Disability Regulation 2006
National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013
NDIS Practice Standards and Quality Indicators

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AMENDMENTS/REVIEWS

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