

BENCO
Supported Living Program
POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: BEHAVIOR SUPPORT: BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS AND PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS

OAR: 411-328-0770(1) (2) (a) (A-B) (b-c) (A-B) (d) (3) (a) (A-C) (b) (A-K) (4) (a)

POLICY:

- (1) The Supported Living Program believes in maintaining the integrity, health, and safety of each individual we support. Providing support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities may require the application of safeguarding interventions and safeguarding equipment to ensure the health and safety of a specific individual or others. Professional behavior services and behavior support will be delivered in accordance with OAR 411-323-0060.

PROCEDURE:

(2) SAFEGUARDING INTERVENTION AND SAFEGUARDING EQUIPMENT

- (a) An employee will only utilize a safeguarding intervention or safeguarding equipment when:
 - (A) Used to address an individual's challenging behavior, the safeguarding intervention or safeguarding equipment is included in the individual's Positive Behavior Support Plan written by a qualified behavior professional as described in OAR 411-304-0150 and implemented consistent with the individual's Positive Behavior Support Plan.
 - (B) Used to address an individual's medical condition or medical support need, the safeguarding intervention or safeguarding equipment is included in a medical order written by the individual's licensed health care provider and implemented consistent with the medical order.
- (b) The individual, or as applicable his or her legal representative, must provide consent for the safeguarding intervention or safeguarding equipment through an individually based limitation in accordance with OAR 411-328-0625.
- (c) Prior to utilizing a safeguarding intervention or safeguarding equipment, an employee will be trained.
 - (A) For a safeguarding intervention, the employee will be trained in intervention techniques using an ODDS-approved behavior intervention curriculum and trained to the individual's specific needs. Training will be conducted by a person who is appropriately certified in an ODDS-approved behavior intervention curriculum.
 - (B) For safeguarding equipment, the employee will be trained on the use of the identified safeguarding equipment.

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- (d) An employee will not utilize any safeguarding intervention or safeguarding equipment not meeting the standards set forth in this rule when the use is directed by the individual or their legal or designated representative, regardless of the individual's age.

(3) EMERGENCY PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS

- (a) The use of an emergency physical restraint when not written into a Positive Behavior Support Plan, not authorized in an individual's ISP, and not consented to by the individual in an individually based limitation, will only be used when all of the following conditions are met:
- (A) In situations when there is imminent risk of harm to the individual or others or when the individual's behavior has a probability of leading to engagement with the legal or justice system.
 - (B) Only as a measure of last resort; and
 - (C) Only for as long as the situation presents imminent danger to the health and safety of the individual or others.
- (b) The use of an emergency physical restraint will not include any of the following characteristics:

- (A) Abusive.
- (B) Aversive.
- (C) Coercive.
- (D) For convenience.
- (E) Disciplinary.
- (F) Demeaning.
- (G) Mechanical.
- (H) Prone or supine restraint.
- (I) Pain compliance.
- (J) Punishment.
- (K) Retaliatory.

(4) (GER) GENERAL EVENT REPORTING

- (a) Employee's will complete a GER to ensure the proper documentation and notification of the use of a safeguarding intervention, safeguarding equipment not as prescribed, or an emergency physical restraint, as described in OAR 411-328-0700.

Approved by: 
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