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 person served in Supported/Independent/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 available to all persons receiving OPTIONS Supported/Independent/ Transitional Living Services.

   1.3   Any persons receiving services in Supported/Independent/Transitional Living Services who desires a sexual relationship with another person who resides in the same apartment complex will:

      1.3.1   Be encouraged to discuss their intentions with the Supported/Independent/Transitional Living Program Supervisor or IDT 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 their own discretion.

   1.5   Sexual relationships between any employee of OPTIONS and a person served will not be tolerated at any time.

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