

## PROGRAM POLICY - COMMUNITY INTEGRATION SERVICES

- 1 The philosophy of Community Integration Services is that all persons served will:
  - 1.1 Achieve lifestyles and maintain living situations comparable to those of individuals without disabilities.
  - 1.2 Have choices over their own lives.
  - 1.3 Receive support services consistent with individual changing needs and desires. Persons will not be required to change their living situations in order to receive community integration services.
  - 1.4 Make informed choices about where they live and the services they receive.
  - 1.5 Receive appropriate services in natural settings.
  - 1.6 Benefit from community integration services.
  
- 2 The objectives of Community Integration Services will be to:
  - 2.1 Provide opportunities for persons to make their own everyday life choices and decisions.
  - 2.2 Provide opportunities for persons to participate in and contribute to community life through work, volunteer activities, and community associations.
  - 2.3 Integrate the persons served into community recreational, social, and cultural events and activities.
  - 2.4 Assist the persons served in building natural, informal support networks.
  - 2.5 Plan services with, rather than for, persons served.
  - 2.6 Design service delivery from the perspective of the person served and emphasize person-centered services.

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