
	<p><b>3.1.16</b></p>	<p><b>SUPPORTING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS</b></p>	<p>Effective: 12/95  Revised: 11/12; 12/17; 9/20,  09/23  Reviewed &amp; Approved by Bd. of  Dir: 9/24    Kirk Davis, President/CEO</p>
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**Policy Statement:**

Continuation and enhancement of relationships between persons supported and those important to them, such as family, friends, guardians, and community connections, is a central focus of support provided at Lakemary.

**Policy:**

Individuals chosen by the person receiving support make up that person’s support team. The guardian is also part of this support team. Other team members typically include family members, referral sources, support providers, and others important to the person. Led by the choices and lifestyle preferences of the person, this team of supporters assists in the decision-making and development of supports and services, ensuring consistent planning and implementation.

**Policy Reference:** None

**Procedure Reference:** PRTF Procedure Manual  
Adult Services Procedure Manual

**Application:** All services