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## INTEGRATION Adult Services & Shared Living Connections

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Kirk Davis, President/CEO

## **Policy Statement:**

Lakemary Center (LMC) will protect and advocate for the rights of each person supported and ensure they have equal opportunity to access and participate in their community.

## **Policy**:

LMC will ensure persons supported are integrated and have the necessary supports to access their community, as they individually choose. LMC staff will encourage people to choose their providers, employer, physicians, dentists, eye doctors, behavioral or therapy supports, employment and personal schedules, community and individual activities and interests, etc.

People supported by LMC can attend community events and activities of their choice whenever they wish. If it is necessary to limit this choice for safety reasons, the limitation and associated safety issue will be clearly identified through a detailed assessment of risk, defined in the personcentered support plan and reviewed by LMC's Human Rights Committee, with attention given to restoration of choice when the safety issue no longer exists. This will not affect how the site is intended to operate.

These choices are typically communicated to their staff, Shared Living Connections contractor and Targeted Case Manager and the Targeted Case Manager often includes this information in the person-centered-support plan, that is implemented by all support providers. If, at any time, the individual wishes to make a choice change, that change should be communicated to their staff, Shared Living Connections contractor, and/or Targeted Case Manager for revision of the person-centered support plan and resulting supports.

LMC will provide information, education, and support to enhance each person's ability to make informed and safe decisions, based on their skills, abilities, and interests. Individuals are not isolated solely due to their disabilities and all persons have the same access to the greater community services, supports, and activities as those who do not have disabilities.

Lakemary Day Service sites do not offer residential supports. Residential service sites do not offer day supports.

**Policy reference**: 3.1.13 Rights of Persons-Supported

3.1.21 Autonomy & Choice Making Policy – Adult Services & Shared Living Connections

3.1.22 Privacy – Adult Services & Shared Living Connections

**Procedure reference**: Adult Services Program Handbook with Procedures

Adult Services Procedure Manual with Procedures

**Shared Living Connections Contract** 

**Application:** Adult Services & Shared Living Connections