
	<p>3.1.21</p>	<p>AUTONOMY & CHOICE MAKING Adult Services & Shared Living Connections</p>	<p>Effective: 02/21; 05/23 Revised: 00/21; 04/21; 03/23; 09/24 Reviewed/Approved by Bd. of Dir.: 09/24  Kirk Davis, President/CEO</p>
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Policy Statement:

Lakemary Center (LMC) will advocate for the rights of each person and ensure that their ability to act on their own values and interests are respected and protected, including their right to risk. LMC stands on the premise that every person, regardless of abilities, has the same rights as any other person, unless limited by law.

Policy:

Every LMC staff, in every LMC and Shared Living Connections contracted provider setting, will ensure people are encouraged to actively evaluate and voice their values and interests, while respecting the rights of others to do the same, unless this right is limited by law.

People will choose where they live, work, what community, and personal activities they would like to participate in, set their daily activity schedule and routines (support delivery, hygiene, meals, etc.) in their homes and day activities, choose with whom they associate, and all other choices made regarding their life.

This right includes the right to enter into risk. Lakemary will support each person by offering education and support, with regard to risk, to enhance the person’s ability to make an informed and safe decision. If rights are limited by law or through the person-centered planning process, appropriate documentation and consents will be maintained in the person’s file.

Policy reference:

- 3.1.13 Rights of Persons Supported
- 3.1.20 Integration – 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
- Shared Living Connections Contract

Application:

Adult Services & Shared Living Connections