

Vista Policies and Procedures

Policy Name: Nut Free Facility – Hershey Community Integration Center
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Purpose

Vista’s goal is to provide a safe environment for all individuals within our programs. To support this, VASO (Vista Adult Services Organization) has designated the Hershey Community Integration Center as “nut free.” This policy aims to increase our awareness to minimize risk to individuals and staff with documented allergies to nut products.

Anaphylaxis is a severe form of allergic reaction which is potentially life-threatening. It can be fatal within minutes; either through swelling that cuts off the airway or through a dramatic drop in blood pressure.

Scope

This policy covers all staff and individuals associated with the Hershey Community Integration Center.

With the Hershey Community Integration Center being “nut free” please do not bring/send in any food items to be consumed in the program area(s) that contain peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter, nut butters, or peanut products.

- This includes almonds, Brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios, and walnuts.
- Read labels carefully to make sure the products are nut free.
- If an individual were to bring peanut butter and peanut/nut products, they may not be eaten with the program or office space. They will need to be eaten in the community with the expectation that all trash will be thrown away and hands and face will be washed before returning to the program space.
- Any treats/snacks brought to the program must have an ingredient list/label.

The Hershey Community Integration Center will also designate a vehicle as nut-free for instance when those with an allergy will be participating in community activities.