

Vista Policies and Procedures

Policy Name: Client Use of Intoxicants During Program Hours
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Purpose

This policy is established to ensure the safety, well-being, and quality of service provision for individuals authorized for services. It outlines the expectations and guidelines regarding the prohibition of intoxicating substances during service hours.

Policy Statement

Individuals receiving services from Vista Autism Services are prohibited from consuming or being under the influence of intoxicating substances during service hours. Intoxicating substances include, but are not limited to, alcohol, illegal drugs, and misused prescription medications.

Scope

This policy applies to all individuals enrolled in programs or receiving services from Vista Autism Services, as well as staff members and volunteers involved in service delivery.

Policy Details

1. **Prohibition:** Individuals are strictly prohibited from consuming or possessing intoxicating substances on the premises of Vista Autism Services during service hours. This includes all facilities, vehicles, and community-based settings where services are provided.
2. **Impairment:** Individuals must not attend service sessions while under the influence of intoxicating substances. Being impaired by alcohol or drugs poses risks to the safety and well-being of the individual and others in the program.
3. **Assistance:** If a participant appears to be under the influence of intoxicating substances, staff members are responsible for assessing the situation, ensuring the safety of the individual, and reporting through proper communication chains, as necessary.
4. **Consequences:** Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or termination of services, depending on the severity and recurrence of the incident.

Compliance

All individuals participating in services are expected to adhere to this policy.

Review and Revision

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Any necessary revisions will be made in consultation with stakeholders and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.