

Right to Privacy

I. Policy:

Every individual will have the right to privacy and confidentiality unless restricted by modifications in his/her Person-Centered Plan (PCP).

II. Standards:

The following rights will be afforded all individuals receiving Home and Community Based Waiver Services:

1. Individuals will have the right to make and receive private telephone calls and other personal communications such as texts, emails, etc.
2. Individuals will be provided private areas for visitors.
3. Individuals will be afforded privacy for all personal hygiene, grooming, dressing and other activities of daily living.
4. Individuals will have locked doors and access to keys to their residential setting and individual bedrooms/living areas.
5. Staff will obtain individual's permission before entering bedrooms or other personal living areas. If permission cannot be readily granted, staff will ensure individual is aware of their presence as soon as possible.
6. Individuals personal and confidential health information will be protected at all times. Such will include refraining from discussion individual's personal information in public areas or with others who do not have need of such information.
7. The HCBS Settings Compliance Checklist, issued by the ADMH-Developmental Disabilities Division in July 2022, will be used in training staff on all rights including providing guidance to staff on how to practice and apply these rights.