

9544.0005 PURPOSE.

Chapter 9544 establishes methods, procedures, and standards to be used by providers governed by this chapter for the use of positive support strategies with persons receiving services. The purpose of these rules is to improve the quality of life of persons receiving home and community-based services or other licensed services by:

A. promoting community participation, person-centeredness, and an approach that focuses on supporting persons receiving services in the most integrated setting;

B. focusing on creating quality environments and lifestyles as primary responsibilities of license holders;

C. ensuring collaborative, team-based development of positive support strategies;

D. providing training to the person who receives services to improve the person's skills and facilitate the person's ability to meet self-identified goals;

E. increasing the person's self-determination abilities so the person may engage in community activity to the greatest degree reasonably attainable;

F. developing specific support programs that promote outcomes valued by the person, the person's family, and the community to help the person receiving services improve the person's quality of life;

G. ensuring people are free from humiliating and demeaning procedures;

H. eliminating all uses of aversive or deprivation procedures;

I. creating a consistent set of standards for license holders to respond to behavior when serving people across licensed services and settings; and

J. building staff knowledge and competence throughout a license holder's organization about the development and implementation of positive behavioral supports, person-centered planning, and community integration.

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