

## #32 VISITATION POLICY

Valley Residential Services, Inc. would like to maintain and enhance personal relationships between residents and their family members/friends/community members. Visitors are encouraged to call or visit to support the resident's socialization. Visitors should be informed if an activity must be carried out (such as activities of daily living training or a medication to be given). Visitors may use the front room or the resident's bedroom for more private visits, per the PCP, depending on the activities taking place in the home. The front room (or another room in the house when available) will be designated the private visiting area and staff and other housemates will be shown how to respect this area during visit times and how to share this area. **Visitors who wish to take the resident into the community must have prior guardian approval if there is a health and safety concern or history that would warrant such approval.**

All visitors will be required to sign the Visitor's Log Book upon entering the home.

Residents may have visitors of their choosing at any time. Residents retain the right to refuse visitors. If there are any restrictions to this, it must be addressed in the PCP due to health and safety needs.

If any emergency circumstances occur, such as a visitor who presents a health or safety threat to any of the individuals living at the residential setting, the visitor will be asked to leave, and the police will be called if necessary. A PCP meeting will be requested to address future visits with someone who presents a health and safety threat. Weapons of any kind are not permitted on VRSI property. This includes any firearms with a concealed carry permit.

Due to frequent outings, appointments, etc. it is *recommended* that visitors call the home one day in advance to arrange their visit to allow for coordination of resident activities.

Due to safety and confidentiality concerns, all former employees must pre-arrange resident visits with the Home Manager. The Home Manager or the Assistant Home Manager may need to be present during this scheduled visit.

Signature of Individual/ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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