**Visitation Guidance Adult Services**

As we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times, we recognize the need to set forth a plan to ease the restrictions on visitation and allow families to see their loved ones. To do so it is necessary to devise a plan to ensure safety for the individuals we support, our staff and their families. The following is the guidance for the coordination of visits in adult services.

**Coordination/ Scheduling the Visit:**

* Each home will maintain a visitation schedule
* Families wishing to visit their loved one will contact the Residential Support Manager to

request / schedule a time for visit to the home.

* Time for the visit will be up to the discretion on the RSM and based upon the availability of adequate staff supports and available time frame.
* Only one family will be able to visit the program at a single interval, hence why visits will need to be coordinated and scheduled in advance.
* The RSM will share the visitation requests and schedule with the Director and Assistant Director in advance of the visit.
* For homes on campus, the Director will coordinate with the Student Program Coordinator.
* Weekend visits will need to set up by Thursday to ensure the RSM is available to coordinate the on site supports.
* Only 1 family visit will be allowed at a site on any given day, hence it is imperative to follow the procedure for scheduling.
* It is requested that no more than 2 family members visit at a time.

During the visit:

* Family members who visit must be wearing a proper face covering during the visit.
* To the greatest extent possible, the individual supported in the home will be encouraged and guided to also wear a face covering.
* A designated are will be set up outside of the home to allow for a comfortable visit.
* Seating will be arranged as well as a designated are for shade to allow for protection from the heat and sun.
* We recognize this has been an incredibly long time to be away from families. The instinct for loved ones to hug one another will be prevalent. To the greatest extent possible, social distancing should be maintained during the visit.
* Unless it is necessary based upon individual needs, staff will not need to be present during the visit to allow for families to spend quality time together. Staff will be available to provide support if needed or requested. Staff will monitor the visit to ensure social distancing guidance is followed.
* Families will not be able to enter the home for any reason.
* Families may take a walk with their loved one in the neighborhood or in the yard. Staff may need to accompany walks based upon a families request and/or individual needs.
* No items should be provided to be brought into the home, such as food or beverages
* No pets should be brought on the visits.

**Following the visit:**

* Program staff will disinfect all surface areas utilized during the visit (i.e.; plastic chairs outside, table, etc.)
* Upon re-entry to the home, the person supported will be guided to wash his/her hands.