

SCIOTO COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

POLICY 4.11 – POSITIVE CULTURE/PERSONAL SUPPORTS

Ref.: O.A.C. 5123:2-2-06 Behavioral Support Strategies that Include Restrictive Measures, Effective 1/1/15 and OAC 3301-35-15 Standards For the Implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions Support, and the Use Restraint and Seclusion, Effective 8/1/2013

I. Purpose

The Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD) acknowledges the need for written policies and procedures that ensure the implementation and continuation of practices that foster the positive culture initiative for the support of individuals in crisis.

The purpose of this policy is to assure compliance with O.A.C. 5123:2-2-06, which sets for requirements for development and implementation of behavioral support strategies that include restrictive measures for the purpose of ensuring that:

- A. Restrictive measures are used only when necessary to keep people safe;
- B. Individuals with developmental disabilities are supported in a caring and responsive manner that promotes dignity, respect, and trust and with recognition that they are equal citizens with the same rights and personal freedoms granted to Ohioans without developmental disabilities;
- C. Services and supports are based on an understanding of the individual and the reasons for his or her actions; and
- D. Effort is directed at creating opportunities for individuals to exercise choice in matters affecting their everyday lives and supporting individuals to make choices that yield positive outcomes.

II. Policy

- A. This policy applies to persons and entities that provide specialized services regardless of source of payment.
- B. Individuals receiving services in a setting governed by the Ohio Department of Education shall be supported in accordance with administrative rules and policies of the Ohio Department of Education, specifically the Policy on Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, and Restraint and Seclusion, adopted by the State Board of Education January 15, 2013.
- C. The superintendent shall appoint a Human Rights Committee described in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5123:2-2-06 to implement that same section of OAC and this policy.

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- D. Written procedures shall be developed that:
1. Focus on teaching and using positive support strategies and encourage use of the least restrictive environment and least intrusive forms of services;
 2. Include this policy, and ensure that it is made available to all service recipients and/or their parents or guardians (as appropriate to the age of the service recipient).
 3. Are in accordance with the Ohio Departments of DD and Education guidelines, Board policy and relevant local, state and federal statutes and regulations; and as stipulated in OAC, including the scope of the rule, definitions, and prohibited actions;
 4. Contain guidelines for the development, content and implementation of behavioral support strategy that includes restrictive measures, and qualifications of persons conducting assessments and developing behavioral support strategies; and
 5. Provide guidelines for providing informed consent, reporting of behavioral support strategies that include restrictive measures, recording of restrictive measures, and analysis of behavioral support strategies that include restrictive measures.