

Community Connections Program

The Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Board) in keeping with its mission is committed to offering individuals assistance to engage in recreational activities within their communities. Therefore the Board, through the Community Connections Program, shall provide adults eligible for Board services support in accessing a variety of recreational and social opportunities.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish and revise as needed the procedures to be utilized in the implementation of this policy.

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CROSS REFERENCE

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The purpose of this policy and procedure is to assist individuals to engage in recreational activities within the community. Activities typically shall occur at different hours of the day, evening, and weekends to accommodate individuals work schedules. The Community Connections Program staff shall strive to ensure individuals share similar recreational and social opportunities as their neighbors, while remaining person-centered and honoring activities requested by individuals.

The following procedures will be followed:

1. Community Connections services are available to eligible adults beginning within one year of high school graduation.
2. Each individual participating must submit the following form annually in order to participate in activities.
 - a. Consent to participate
 - b. Media/photo release
 - c. Information/ Medical Release Form
3. Each individual participating will receive a copy of the monthly newsletter provided by the Community Connections staff which will offer a variety of activities for consideration.
4. All activities are on a first-come, first-serve basis, unless otherwise specifically scheduled for that individual.
5. Depending on the individuals needs and staff to individual ratio, individuals may be required to provide their own staff through Individuals Budgets or Waiver services.
6. If your needs require one-to-one assistance away from the group, you may be required to provide your own staff through Individual Budgets or Waiver Services.



Superintendent Approval



Date