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Leisure Services Community Network Program

PROGRAM IMPACT

Community Networking offers the opportunity for individuals to explore inclusion options with support from Leisure Services staff. The services will begin with a short meeting exploring leisure interests and help direct to what best suits the needs of the individual. The goal of the program is for participants to expand on resources that would allow them to interact in their community and form natural support, in hopes that they will develop confidence to attend activities on their own or with the support of a friend.

PROGRAM DESIGN

The participant and family members meet to discuss interests and set goals for direction of the service. Once goals are established, a Leisure Services employee will take the individual into the community once a week and explore options, with introduction to different leisure experiences; movie theaters, libraries, local recreation venues, community recreation through YMCA/park programs, church/senior programs, and more. We will provide support in a small group setting of 4 or less to encourage socialization and develop peer connection. They will make friends, have fun and connect with their community.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR THIS SERVICE?

Individuals 16 years and older
Enrolled in the Leisure Services program
Must qualify for Medicaid waiver funding
Able to meet once a week for this service—transportation is provided
Individuals in a Group Home, ISL, or Shared Living may not receive this service due to funding restriction.

IF INTERESTED...

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