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DAC Level of Support Policy:

The Disability Action Center (DAC) Level of Support (LOS) Policy aims to ensure proper levels of support are provided for all clients while attending programs. Because of the wide range of ability levels, ages, and support needs of our clientele it is necessary to outline the expectations of the levels of support. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian/family or waiver provider to ensure that their child/adult child is properly staffed, supported, and given the opportunity to learn in a group instructional setting provided by the DAC.

Level of Support recommendations are as follows. Please Initial the Policy that applies to you:

- Title 19 IDD Waiver:** Individuals receiving IDD Waiver services should follow the recommendations under the Summary of Assessments and Evaluations Sections of their IPP that was developed by their IDT Team. Once an individual is approved for IDD Waiver, indicating a need for a level of care and services, including Person Centered Support, Respite, Job Coaching and/or Facility Based Day Hab, that support must be provided by either the family option or service provider option while attending DAC programs. This Level of Support **MUST** be followed at all times while at the DAC and attending both on and offsite programs of the DAC. You may be asked to provide your IPP to verify support needs. IDD Waiver clients must follow the DAC Code of Conduct.
- Individuals approved for Title 19 IDD Waiver but who are on the wait list:** It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that individuals access wait list grants to purchase respite services and that support be provided at all times while at the DAC and attending both on and offsite programs of the DAC. Until the time that Waiver slot is approved individuals will follow the appropriate child or adult LOS policy. Once waiver slot is approved individuals will follow the IDD Waiver Client LOS policy. Individuals must follow the DAC Code of Conduct.
- Children up to the age 13:** Support staffing/supervision **MUST** be provided at all times while at the DAC and attending both on and offsite programs of the DAC. Parents/Guardians understand and acknowledge that DAC programs are a group setting with limited assistance and children will be attending classes with adults. Children up to the age of 13 must follow the DAC Code of Conduct.

Minors/Adolescents age 13-17: Support staffing/supervision is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** at all times while at the DAC and attending both on and offsite programs of the DAC. Parents/Guardians understand and acknowledge that DAC programs are a group setting with limited assistance and minors will be attending classes with adults. If 3 incidents occur the Level of Support Policy for adults will be followed. Minors and Adolescents age 13-17 must follow the DAC Code of Conduct

Adults Clients age 18 or older: Individuals will be given the opportunity to participate in DAC programming without direct supervision or support staff. If 3 incidents occur showing a need for supervision, inability to participate in a group setting, or violations of the code of conduct, a meeting with the parents/guardian will be held to discuss a Level of Support Plan and may require supervision and staffing of the individual. Adults age 18 and older must follow the DAC Code of Conduct.

Please note: At any time the DAC staff and board reserve the right to terminate membership/expel from programs individuals who repeatedly break the code of conduct and do not adhere the Level of Support Policy or whose Parents/Guardians fail to follow the Level of Support policy.

The DAC has zero tolerance for the following offenses that will lead to immediate removal from programs and termination of membership: battery/assault causing bodily injury, sale or possession of a controlled substance, possession of a dangerous weapon.

Level of Support policy refers to all group programs/classes that are listed on the Calendar of Events and does not apply to individuals who are receiving individualized Career Readiness Services through the WV Division of Rehabilitation where a specific set of standards and support ratios are adhered to by DAC staff.

Participant/Client Name _____

Participant/Client Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____