



Policy Title: Access to Typical Facilities (Policy ATF)

1. Non-Residential Settings (e.g., Day Programs, Community Centers)
 - a. Policy ensures individuals can:
 - i. Freely access common areas like lounges, cafeterias, and activity rooms
 - ii. Participate in community-based activities without unnecessary restrictions
 - iii. Make choices about who they interact with and what they do
 - iv. Be treated with respect and equality, regardless of disability status
 - v. These settings must also comply with HCBS standards, ensuring that individuals are not isolated and have full access to the broader community.
2. Training Components for Staff
 - a. Rights-Based Education
 - b. Understanding the legal and ethical foundations of individual rights
 - c. Familiarity with HCBS Final Rule and person-centered planning principles
3. Practical Implementation
 - a. How to support access to shared spaces respectfully
 - b. Strategies for balancing safety with autonomy
 - c. Recognizing and avoiding institutional practices (e.g., unnecessary restrictions)
4. Communication & Advocacy
 - a. Encouraging individuals to express preferences
 - b. Responding to concerns or complaints appropriately
 - c. Advocating for environmental or procedural changes when access is limited