

<b>River Valley Therapeutic Residence Policy and Procedure</b>		
<b>Community Re-Entry Outings</b>		
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## **POLICY**

Outings into the community are an integral part of recovery and community reintegration. River Valley Therapeutic Residence (RVTR) will encourage residents to participate in individualized programming designed to build necessary skills for community living. The utilization of staff supervision allows residents at RVTR to go into the community as clinically appropriate. Levels of staff supervision shall be based on legal and clinical readiness, and in accordance with goals of treatment. Any changes in Community Supervision Levels will be considered by the treatment team and shall require a doctor's order.

## **PROCEDURE**

### Community Supervision Levels

Residents on 60-minute checks will be eligible for this level of supervision, after consideration of the team and will require a doctor's order.

### **Staff to Resident Ratios for**

### **Supervised Group On-Site Walk/Activity and Community Outings**

<b>STAFF</b>	<b>RESIDENT</b>
2	1
3	2-4
4	5-8

### Preparation for Community Outing

1. Prior to leaving the facility, the driver or participating staff will complete the Community Outing Check List and the Resident Sign Out Sheet.
2. A copy of the Resident Identification Form for each resident must be taken on the outing.
3. The driver and participating staff are responsible for obtaining the RVTR cell phones.

Supervised Group Community Outings

Residents may go out on community outings with a group under the supervision of staff.


Unsafe or Inappropriate Behavior

Unsafe or inappropriate behavior may end the outing immediately.

Unsafe or inappropriate behavior shall be discussed with the team upon return to the facility.

Delayed Return

If for some reason the outing is delayed causing a return to RVTR later than the expected return time (*i.e.*, doctor’s appointment runs late, traffic congestion, *etc.*), RVTR staff shall inform the residence of the delayed return and update as needed.

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