

River Valley Therapeutic Residence Policy and Procedure		
Resident Electronics		
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POLICY

River Valley Therapeutic Residence (RVTR) residents have the option to have personal electronic devices (i.e., laptops, cell/smart phones, tablets, etc.) RVTR will provide residents access to WIFI.

PROCEDURE

Use of electronic devices may require supervision by staff. Residents are limited to no more than two devices that can access the RVTR Wi-Fi.

RVTR provides one computer for residents. Residents may have access to the computer in the designated areas, with staff supervision/support as needed.

Having access or possession of a personal electronic device must not interfere or distract from treatment. Residents are expected to participate in treatment and engage in programming. If residents are struggling to participate due to distraction (spending excessive amounts of time on the device or if it causes sleep issues), the treatment team will meet with the resident to address the interference, which may result in an individualized plan or limited access of the device.

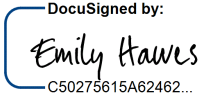
Residents should be mindful and courteous to others; loud music and conversations should be kept to a quiet area and not disrupt others.

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Staff will hold electronic personal devices for two weeks after arrival. This provides an opportunity for new residents to acclimate to the program and work on developing initial treatment goals.

After two weeks, residents will meet with the treatment team to discuss gaining access to their device. If residents have experienced problematic behavior associated with technology or the internet, an individualized plan may be developed to help address or curb problematic behaviors.

Upon treatment team approval, the resident will be asked to sign the Internet Use Agreement and will then be given access to WI-FI.

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