River Valley Therapeutic Residence Policy and Procedure				
Resident Funds				
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POLICY

A resident's money and other valuables shall be in the control of the resident, except where there is a guardian, attorney in fact (power of attorney), or a representative payee who requests otherwise. Residents are encouraged to limit the amount of funds they keep at the facility.

PROCEDURE

A resident has the right to keep funds in their possession/room or have them placed in a secure location by staff.

River Valley Therapeutic Residence (RVTR) employees shall not be the legal guardian, trustee, or legal representative for any resident. RVTR employees are not permitted to act as the resident's representative payee pursuant to Social Security regulations.

The resident shall not be solicited for gifts or other consideration, in any way, by persons connected with RVTR.

No RVTR staff or other employee of the residence may solicit, offer, or receive a gift, including money or gratuities, from a resident. Nominal gifts that can be enjoyed by all staff are permissible with permission from the Program Director.

Residents are not permitted to solicit gifts, including money or gratuities from other residents of the facility. Purchasing another resident's personal property is strongly discouraged.

RVTR is not responsible for funds that are missing, lost, or stolen.

Resident funds at RVTR shall be inventoried by two staff upon admission.

If it becomes apparent that a resident is no longer capable of managing funds or property, RVTR shall contact the resident's designated agency (if any) or the guardian.

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