

10A NCAC 13G .0905 ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

(a) Each family care home shall develop a program of activities designed to promote the residents' active involvement with each other, their families, and the community.

(b) The program shall be designed to promote active involvement by all residents but is not to require any individual to participate in any activity against his or her will. If there is a question about a resident's ability to participate in an activity, the resident's physician shall be consulted to obtain a statement regarding the resident's capabilities.

(c) The activity director shall:

- (1) use information on the residents' interests and capabilities as documented upon admission and updated as needed to arrange for or provide planned individual and group activities for the residents, taking into account the varied interests, capabilities, and possible cultural differences of the residents;
- (2) prepare a monthly calendar of planned group activities in a format that is legible and shall be posted in a location accessible to residents by the first day of each month, and updated when there are any changes;
- (3) involve community resources, such as recreational, volunteer, and religious organizations, to enhance the activities available to residents;
- (4) evaluate and document the overall effectiveness of the activities program at least every six months with input from the residents to determine what have been the most valued activities and to elicit suggestions of ways to enhance the program;
- (5) encourage residents to participate in activities; and
- (6) assure there are supplies necessary for planned activities, supervision, and assistance to enable each resident to participate. Aides and other facility staff may be used to assist with activities.

(d) There shall be at least 14 hours of a variety of planned group activities per week that include activities that promote socialization, physical interaction, group accomplishment, creative expression, increased knowledge, and learning of new skills.

(e) Residents shall have the opportunity to participate in activities involving one to one interaction and activity by oneself that promote enjoyment, a sense of accomplishment, increased knowledge, learning of new skills, and creative expression.

(f) Each resident shall have the opportunity to participate in at least one outing every other month. Residents interested in being involved in the community more frequently shall be encouraged to do so.

(g) Residents shall have the opportunity to participate in volunteer service activities in the facility or in the community. Participation in volunteer activities shall not be required of residents and shall not involve any duties or responsibilities that are outlined in the job descriptions of facility staff.

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