


COBB COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

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POLICY:

It is the policy of the Cobb County Community Services Board (the Board) to involve family members and appropriate individual advocates in planning and providing care for each individual. The Board recognizes the important role of advocacy support to individuals, which is reflected in the agency's values and treatment philosophy of providing optimum care in the least restrictive environment possible. Further, the Board recognizes that levels of family and advocate participation are related to the individual's age and degree of functioning ability. The Board encourages participation by family members and advocates at the individual level, the agency level and the community level.

PROCEDURE:

1. During the initial screening and/or assessment, qualified staff identifies and prioritizes primary clinical needs in collaboration with the individual, family members and other appropriate advocates, with the proper releases.
2. The development of goals based on individual needs and the Plan of Care/Services Plan/Treatment Plan involves the participation of the individual, family members and appropriate advocates in collaboration with the treatment providers. During this process, the individual's level of functioning is evaluated to specifically determine thoughts, feelings or actions that reflect the individual's needs or interfere with the individual's ability to carry out customary tasks of daily living. The Plan of Care/Service Plan/Treatment Plan contains specific goals for achieving optimum level of functioning linked to any identified impairments.
3. Family members and advocates have further access to individual program policies and procedures through individual program directors.