

Blue Ridge Opportunities Admissions

Admission Procedures

Referrals are accepted from any interested person, or can come from any sector of the community, including Northwestern Community Services, Department of Rehabilitative Services, and Department of Social Services, Public School System, friends and family.

1. Referrals are channeled through the Executive Director/CEO, or designee, who will forward an application and related admission documents to the referral source.

Executive Director/CEO, or designee, will make additional referrals to Northwestern Community Services and the Department of Rehabilitative Services for possible preadmission evaluations and case management services.

3. Upon receipt of all pertinent records, assessments and application information, a personal interview is scheduled with the applicant and, when appropriate, the applicant's family, guardian or sponsor.

4. During the intake interview, the applicant's interests and needs are discussed. A tour of the facility and an explanation of services offered by Blue Ridge Opportunities is provided.

5. Individuals accepted into the program are determined by the Management Team. BRO determines the appropriateness of the applicant's admission. Should the team determine that alternative services are required to meet the applicant's needs, the Executive Director/CEO will make referrals to other possible community services. If desired, the applicant can arrange an appeal through the Executive Director/CEO to the Board of Directors for further consideration.

6. If accepted and space is available, arrangements are made for the applicant to begin a four (4) week evaluation period at Blue Ridge Opportunities. Should space not be available, the applicant is placed on a waiting list for future services.

7. Wait Listed Referrals for Day Support will be served based on severity of need as determined by team members including NWCSB.

8. Emergency Placement Eligibility will be determined by the Team members, including case managers from NWCSB, Physicians, and other stakeholders.

When an applicant is determined to be ineligible for, or disqualified from, participation in program services, the individual shall be informed both verbally and in writing of his/her right to appeal the decision.

Core Eligibility Requirements

- Pre-Admissions interview and Walk-Thru with Executive Director *.
- Referral from CSB.
- Residency established in Virginia.
- Certification of Disability as predetermined by authorized agency.
- 18 years of age or older.

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- Able to function without life supporting apparatus. Blue Ridge Opportunities does not have the capacity to support individuals whom score in Tier 4 for Medical Supports on the SIS.
- Able to function safely with in establish staff to consumer ratio in designated program.
- Able to receive therapeutic benefit from the program.
- Must Exhibit Safe Behavior. Behavior must not be a hazard to themselves or others.
~Individuals with Aggressive behavior cannot be accepted.
- Must have ID/D Medicaid Waiver funding.
- Stable Psychiatric Condition
 - At any time that BRO assesses that an emotional condition has become unstable the Individual can be discharged from the program.

Right to Exclude/Denied Admissions

Blue Ridge Opportunities reserves the right to exclude any potential clients who:

- Have been found guilty of any violent crimes (e.g., sex offenses, assaults, etc.)
- Have a history of violence or demonstrate violent tendencies
- Have a history of sexually deviant or predatory behaviors that pose a risk to others.
- Have a history of elopement.
- Have a history of fire-starting.
- Have a Tier4 Medical Assessment in SIS
- Have a Tier4 Behavioral Assessment in SIS
- Have been previously terminated from the program
- Have health problems which could endanger others
- Have support needs that exceed the clinical scope of BRO.
- Present a potential liability to the organization.
- Evaluation determines Blue Ridge Opportunities is unable to offer appropriate services.

At no time does Blue Ridge Opportunities deny individuals services based on age, gender, race, religion, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, religious preference, political preference or marital status.

Individuals who are denied for admission will be notified in writing by the President within 10 working days of the specific reasons the individual was not deemed appropriate for services.

Admission Appeals

Individuals denied admission can appeal directly to the Executive Director.

Admission Contact Information

To make a referral for Services please contact:

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