

EVERGREEN PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRIES, INC.
dba EVERGREEN LIFE SERVICES

POLICY AND PROCEDURE 10.4A

RE: SPIRITUAL CARE AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY OF PERSONS' SERVED

EFFECTIVE

DATE: May 21, 1993
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POLICY:

It is the policy of Evergreen Life Services, that all persons' served be given the opportunity, if they so desire, to develop spiritually and be given access to religious activities both within the home and in the community.

PROCEDURE:

1. Spirituality will become an integral part of each person-centered plan. Such planning will include an initial and periodic assessment of spiritual care, i.e., admittance and annual plan.
2. Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc. will give all assistance necessary for each person served who chooses to practice his/her religious faith and belief, but will not pressure, intimidate or coerce any consumer into participation. The person served may ride vehicles furnished by volunteers, or Evergreen shall furnish transportation.
3. Bible study and other religiously-oriented programs will be developed in the homes for any person served who desires such a program. Other members of the home will be invited and encouraged to participate, but will not be pressured, intimidated or coerced to do so.
4. Individual and corporate prayer at meals and other appropriate times will be encouraged.
5. When a person served desires special rites or sacraments of the church, such as baptism, the staff should contact the minister or appropriate person of the consumer's church or a minister of the consumer's chosen faith and work in cooperation with that minister. It shall be the responsibility of each person's program supervisor/coordinator to assist in the coordination of these activities.
6. In the case of religious activity involving persons who are minor or interdicted, Evergreen will inform the legal guardian and facilitate activities in accordance with the wishes of the guardian.
7. Division Executive Directors will have the responsibility of assuring this policy is implemented.