

Goodwill's Pathways to Opportunity

GENERAL ADMISSION CRITERIA

Individuals considered for admission to Pathways to Opportunity program must be eligible for services under the State of Florida, Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)/Florida Medicaid Waiver program or meet Federal Criteria for Developmental Disability (i.e. an individual with severe function limitation in three (3) or more major life activities). Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, or veteran status.

Pathways to Opportunity program will adhere to guidelines in Florida Administrative Code Rule 65G 3.002 regarding all admissions to services. Additionally, individuals considered for admission must meet the following criteria:

1. Be at least 22 years of age or have successfully completed high school and been awarded a special or in some cases general high school diploma.
 - a. Exceptions to the Admission Criteria will be considered for individuals who have exited High School between 18-21 or wish to attend during summer months that regular school is not in session. These individuals are notified that state/federal funding support may not begin until age 22.
2. Must have transportation to and from program site.
3. Demonstrate a reasonable expectation for full program participation.
4. Able to benefit from participation in the program.
5. Competency in basic personal care skills (toileting, dressing, and feeding). *
6. Ambulatory or mobile non-ambulatory. *
7. Substance abuse in full remission
8. Possess functional communication skills. *
9. Controlled medication (self-medicate) and/or physical condition.*
10. Impairment or conduct not dangerous to self or to others.
11. Demonstrate no serious danger to others, staff, themselves, or property – no recent history of aggressive or violent behavior.
12. Does not have a felony arrest or conviction.
13. Relevant referral information on file which includes current medical, psychological evaluations documenting stability of disability condition, and criminal history if applicable.
14. Be a recipient of Medicaid Waiver or APD General Revenue, unless private pay or third party sponsorship is available.

* Goodwill may be able to serve if resources can be arranged for person served.

Pathways to Opportunity program is NOT staffed or equipped to provide services to individuals with:

- Feeding tubes, tracheotomies, ostomies, indwelling catheters
- Pressure sores requiring medical intervention
- Other physical conditions requiring on-site medical care
- Behavioral issues resulting in:
 - o Sexual assault
 - o Physical assault

- Serious self-injury
- Use of physical or mechanical restraints
- Suicide attempts

Each individual who begins receiving services in the Pathways to Opportunity program will be subject to a probationary period of ninety (90) calendar days. During this period, the appropriateness of the individual's placement will be evaluated in relation to the admission criteria described above. Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. will adhere to all standards outlined in the Florida Administrative Code Rules 65G-3.003, 65G-3.004, 65G-3.005, regarding reduction, suspension, or termination of services.