
POLICY: Provide Drug and Other Harmful Substance Information

Staff trained in offering nutrition education must provide drug and other harmful substance information verbally to all participants, parent guardians, and caretakers at the initial certification.

Staff must provide this information verbally at a subsequent certification if the participant has a lapse in participation of 2 years or more.

PROCEDURE:

Staff:

A. Verbally share that alcohol, cannabis, and drugs may be harmful to the health of the participant and their family as part of the nutrition education provided during the initial certification or at the subsequent certification when the participant has had a lapse in participation of 2 years or more.

1. Select the Substance Use Information nutrition education topic in the participant's file on the Nutrition Education screen to document this requirement was met.
2. Write a note in the Individual Care Plan as needed, for example when the participant needs additional follow-up and support.

Note: Staff are not qualified to diagnose drug and other substance abuse or expected to provide substance abuse counseling. Rather, they are to provide information that these substances can be harmful and provide referrals as appropriate.

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